THE WEATHER
Forecast for Lowell and vicinity: fair followed by snow late tonight, warmer tonight, Friday, cloudy probably with snow, light northeast winds increasing in force.

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THEY SHOOK HANDS

Col. Greene and "Tom" Lawson Did Not Use Pistols

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston speculator, whose active campaign in the advertising columns of newspapers against Amalgamated copper shares has attracted much attention, called at the hotel Touraine early this forenoon to meet Colonel W. C. Greene of New York. Colonel Greene was at breakfast when Mr. Lawson called and the conference was delayed until the New Yorker had finished his morning meal.

Colonel Greene, who is the leading promoter of the Greene Consolidated Copper company, which slumped heavily in the recent bear raid in the stock market, came to this city to reach an understanding with Mr. Lawson, who was charged by the colonel with attacking him unjustly. Lengthy statements appeared in the newspapers of New York, Boston and elsewhere early in the week, signed by Messrs. Lawson and Greene, in which attacks were made upon each other. The New Yorker announced that he would come to Boston immediately and demand satisfaction, but his visit was deferred until today.

The Boston trader had a friend with him when he reached the hotel. When informed that Colonel Greene was in the dining room, Mr. Lawson sent in his card. The colonel continued his meal and sent word to Mr. Lawson that he would see him as soon as he had finished eating.

The Boston man waited in the lobby, surrounded by a large number of persons including more than a dozen newspaper men. To the reporters, Mr. Lawson said he had heard Mr. Greene was in the city and he concluded to make an early call on him.

Colonel Greene came out of the dining room at 9.45 and walked up the corridor with a friend on either side. When the New York man appeared, Mr. Lawson advanced down the corridor to meet him.

"How do you do, Mr. Lawson?" exclaimed Colonel Greene with a smile, as he extended his hand to greet his financial adversary. Mr. Lawson did not smile, but had a serious expression. He had no hesitation, however, in grasping the colonel's hand. Colonel Greene immediately asked him to go up to his room. Mr. Lawson said he would be glad to do so and the two entered the elevator with the two friends of Colonel Greene and the man who was with the Boston broker. They went to room 503 and shut the door, excluding the newspaper men.

The newspaper men shortly after 10 o'clock sent a note addressed to Mr. Lawson to Col. Greene's room asking him if it could not be arranged to have representatives of the press at the conference. In five minutes a written reply was received from the Boston man who said he was quite willing to have the reporters in the room but that Col. Greene would not permit it. Inasmuch as he was in Col. Greene's apartments, Mr. Lawson added, he would decline to receive any more notes on the subject. He requested the newspaper men to comply with the request.

The crowd which had been in the corridor thinned out while the conference was in progress and there was nothing to indicate anything unusual.

During his conversation with the newspaper men, before the meeting with Col. Greene, Mr. Lawson said he did not receive word from Col. Greene that the latter was in Boston. He heard of the colonel's arrival about daylight and decided to call at the hotel early in the day. Mr. Lawson said he reached the hotel just before 9 o'clock, but his presence was not noticed by the few people in the lobby. When he sent his card to Col. Greene the latter in his message politely informed Mr. Lawson that he did not receive callers until after breakfast. The Boston broker said that although Col. Greene kept him waiting nearly an hour, he was not offended.

The conferences were in session at 10.30. When several reporters went up to the door of the room, they found an employe of the hotel on guard. He had received orders, he said, to take in no cards nor admit any person. The orders came from Col. Greene, who had also arranged with the hotel people to shut off all telephone calls to his room.

GEORGE BURNS

OF DRACUT NAVY YARD DIED IN A BOSTON HOSPITAL.

The many friends of George Burns, a well known weaver residing in Dracut, will be pained to learn of his death which occurred in a Boston hospital Monday night. The remains have been brought to his home in the Navy Yard, Dracut. He was for many years employed as a weaver at the Bigelow Carpet Co. in this city, and leaves to mourn his loss a wife.

The news of his death led some to believe that it was the George Burns who has been missing from Lee street, who had died in Boston. The latter is still missing.

RAIDED A CARAVAN

NOTORIOUS BRIGAND CHIEF STILL ON WARPATH.

TANGIER, Morocco, Dec. 16—Raisuli, the notorious brigand chief, who captured Ion Pergicaris, an American citizen, and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject, in May last, boldly raided a caravan within the town of Tangier today.

The chief had previously attacked another caravan five miles outside of Tangier and took 11 prisoners and a number of mules. He then came into Tangier and repeated his exploit. In the latter case he released his prisoners as the men he was seeking were not among them.

CAPTAIN MARTIN

SAYS ALLEGED IRREGULARITY IS DUE TO CLERICAL ERROR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Captain Amos Martin of the fourteenth infantry was a passenger on the transport Sheridan from Manila. He is under orders to proceed to Washington to explain an alleged duplication of pay accounts. Captain Martin says that the matter will be easily cleared and arose from a clerical error.

NEW MORTGAGE

RAILWAY COMPANY MAY ISSUE ONE FOR $50,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway company have taken action in regard to a proposition to issue a new mortgage for $50,000,000. Notice has been sent to the stockholders asking them to vote on the plan at a meeting to be held in January. Of the proposed bond issue $35,000,000 is reserved to refund existing liens on maturity. The greater part of the remaining $15,000,000 is intended for the purchase of the preferred stock, the remainder of the sum to be devoted to betterments and extensions. The capital stock of the company consists of $8,000,000 common stock and $6,000,000 preferred. The funded debt is $12,295,000.

DEATHS

MITCHELL—Peter Mitchell, one of the oldest employes in point of service on the local division of Boston & Northern street railroad, died this morning at his home, 39 Fourth avenue, after a brief illness. Deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte E. Douglass, and Miss Annie E. Mitchell, and five sons, Frederick J. and Arthur P. of Lynn, William and Michael E. of Lowell and Brother Ernest of Xaverian Order of Brotherhood at Wheeling, West Virginia. He was a member of the B. & N. S. R. R. union. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JOHLMORE—Mary Johlmore, aged 29 years, died yesterday at her home, 28 Butler avenue. She leaves a husband, John, and two children.

CORRIGAN—The body of James Corrigan, who was asphyxiated in his room at 52 Tyler street yesterday, has been removed to the home of his parents, 26 Summer street, by Undertaker John F. Rogers.

ROLAND OF BERLIN

MAY BE PRESENTED IN NEW YORK.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Leoncavallo has received an offer from New York to produce "Roland of Berlin" in that city. The name of the manager is withheld but it is not Herr Conried. The question whether the opera will be produced in New York depends entirely upon the terms offered. Senor Leoncavallo's wife informed the Associated Press today that her husband would be in no haste to close an arrangement for the United States as he was much occupied with his European projects.

Ladies' Leggins

We have the most complete line of these comfort giving wear for ladies.

These are Jersey cloth, thick fleece lining, 16 buttons high, one strap at the top,

$1.00

Misses' Leggins, 14 buttons,

75c

Children's Cloth Leggins, same as the Misses',

65c

The Little Buster Brown Leather Leggins,

$1.25

O'Sullivan Bros. Company

OPPOSITE CITY HALL.

CALLED FOR AID

Big Fire in Skowhegan Caused $140,000 Loss

MASONIC BODIES LOST THEIR UNIFORMS

Blaze Started in the Coburn Building

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 16—Coburn block the largest business block in town named in honor of former Governor Abner Coburn and two small buildings were burned today and at one time owing to the great headway gained by the flames the business section of the town was threatened and it was necessary to send an engine and hose company from Waterville.

The total loss was estimated at $140,000 on which there was an insurance of about $60,000.

The Coburn block which was a three story brick structure, owned by the Coburn hall association, was valued at $80,000 and insured for $10,000. The lower floor was occupied by four stores, those of W. H. Wildes, dry and fancy goods, the Blunt hardware Company, Clarence W. Bucknam, druggist, and Charles F. Ward, men's furnishings. The third floor, formerly occupied by the Odd Fellows Lodge was used by a local basketball team for practice, while the second story was devoted to the Masonic bodies including De Molay commandery, Knights Templar, nearly all of whose members lost their Templar uniforms. Two small buildings on either side of Coburn block owned by W. P. Ordway and occupied by Fred Heald and Company, plumbers and by small stores and offices, were burned flat. The occupants of Ordway block sustained slight damage by smoke.

The fire started shortly after one o'clock in the third story of Coburn block, presumably from the stove by which the hall was healed for basketball practice, and gained great headway because of the failure, it is claimed of the fire alarm system to operate practically. Only the short blasts were sounded. When the firemen arrived the blaze had spread down through the building and threatened to assume extensive proportions. Help came from Waterville by special train son after the fire was under control. The block was entirely destroyed, the three walls falling in.

Wire communication was suspended temporarily by the burning of the poles

Fun at Associate hall tonight.

Did you buy your hair at an auction?

At any rate, you seem to be getting rid of it on auction-sale principles: "going, going, g-o-n-e!" Stop the auction with Ayer's Hair Vigor. It checks falling hair, and always restores color to gray hair. Sold for over sixty years. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

After January First

Rooms No. 2 and No. 3, Associate Building, lately occupied by the Red, White and Blue Stamp Co., will be to rent. Applications for same may be made to the janitor.

H. J. KEYES.

The Central Savings Bank
68 Central St.

Deposits, - - - - $4,020,626.77
Surplus, - - - - 242,757.35

Interest begins quarterly.
C. W. WHIDDEN, Treas.

Christmas Drafts
Lowest Rates
PAYABLE IN ANY COUNTRY
Traders Nat. Bank
Middlesex St. and P. O. Ave.
HOURS: 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Elevator For Sale

Good hand elevator with mechanism complete, formerly used in the H. B. Shattuck hardware store. May be seen in running order at 60 Central street. Will sell cheap.

INQUIRE AT THE SUN OFFICE.

THE U. S. APPEAL

In Greene and Gaynor Case Heard

LONDON, Dec. 16—The appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor came up before the privy council today. Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., who with Donald MacMaster K. C., of Montreal, represents the United States opened the case, reciting the well known facts.

It is now more than five years since Greene and Gaynor, who were concerned with Oberlin M. Carter in the Savannah river contract, escaped to Canada and settled in Montreal.

Carter was sentenced to five years in prison and the United States government applied for a writ of extradition for Greene and Gaynor. When the writ was made out by a Montreal extradition committee the two went down the St. Lawrence to Quebec. The U. S. officers caught them in Quebec and brought them back to Montreal. The writ however did not hold in Quebec and it was claimed the United States officers had exceeded their powers. A writ of habeas corpus was served on the Montreal jailer by a Quebec magistrate. Greene and Gaynor were taken back to Quebec and finally obtained their liberty within the limits of the province of Quebec. The United States government appealed to the privy council of England, the highest court in that country.

NO COMPROMISE

In the Fall River Strike Situation

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16.—It is reported on excellent authority that the talk of a compromise in the strike situation is without foundation. Both sides of the controversy are agreed that they have not been approached with any proposition of the sort. The visit of President Golden and Secretary Hilbert of the United Textile Workers to New York has no bearing upon a plan to induce the civic federation to become interested in settling the strike. Their purpose was to confer with President Gompers of A. F. of L. about the assessment voted for the Fall River strikers. The only new feature of the situation is the report that the union leaders have decided to refer the continuance of the strike back to the union members. A formal test of the sentiment of the operatives by vote has not been taken since the strike began.

Mill men have charged that if the operatives were given a chance they would vote to return to work.

It is probable that meetings of the several unions will shortly be held, when the situation will be laid before the members and an expression of opinion on the strike will be taken by ballot.

FUNERALS

APOSTOLAKES—The funeral of Miss Polixen Apostolakes was held yesterday from 86 Suffolk street and services were held at the Greek church. Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

BIRCHELL—The funeral of Frederick Birchell took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of his parents, 29 Paige street, and services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Shenk of the Central Methodist church. Undertaker Weinbeck had charge of the arrangements and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

CANNEY—The funeral of Havilah D. Canney took place yesterday afternoon at her home in Collinsville, and Rev. Albert Thompson of Raymond, N. H., and Rev. Mr. Lupien of this city were the officiating clergymen. Undertaker Weinbeck had charge of the arrangements and the bearers were Fred Harris, George and Arthur Canney and Nelson Gooch. Burial was in the Richardson cemetery, Dracut.

YENNE—The funeral of Edmund D. Venne took place yesterday from his home, 128 Aiken street, and funeral services were held at St. Jean Baptiste's church. Rev. Fr. Diss, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Stephen Rochette, Frank Ricard, A. Lamontagne, J. Cayouette, A. St. Onge and J. N. Picard. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Diss officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

BROWN—The funeral of Frank Brown was held yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Ela. Rev. C. T. Billings was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were Girard P. Dadman, Charles A. Gale, Warren L. Floyd and Nelson Brown. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. Undertaker Ela had charge.

CARTER—The funeral of Esther Carter took place yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertakers Higgins & Co. and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

PAGE—The funeral services of Miss Mary C. Page were held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of Undertakers Young & Co., Rev. Charles W. Huntington officiating. The body was placed in the tomb in the Edson cemetery.

ROACH—All that was mortal of the late Mrs. Annie Roach was consigned to its final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from her late home, 27 Chapel street, and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends including a number of people from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church in Gorham street where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. W. George Mullin, assisted by Rev. Hugh J. McDermud as deacon and Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan as sub-deacon.

The choir which was augmented for the occasion was under the direction of Director John Warburton. The Gregorian mass was sung and at the offertory Mr. Warburton sang the "Pie Jesu." At the conclusion of the service Miss Mollie G. Ivers rendered in a very feeling manner "Face to Face" and as the remains were leaving the church the choir sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Mrs. J. W. McKonnedy presided at the organ.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Wreath of ivy, from the family; standing cross, bearing the inscription "At Rest," J. Henry Cahill; wreath of ivy, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gregoire; wreath, Miss Cahill.

The bearers were Messrs. Cormick Conlon, John Quinn, Michael McDermott, Patrick Gallagher, Patrick Mangan and Frank McCluskey.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the last sad rites of the Catholic church were solemnized by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter H. Savage.

Farmers band tonight, Husking Bee.

NO OTHER PAPER

in Lowell is as popular as The Sun, because it gives the best news in the best possible way. It

IS UP-TO-DATE.

LATEST

JUVENILE DAY

Boy's Mother Lectured by the Court

This was juvenile day in police court and three small boys were on the carpet. In the case of one, a handsome lad, who is handicapped by overbearing parents, Judge Hadley quietly lectured the boy's mother. The boy works in the mill and he has been a very good boy at home. The only thing registered against him by his mother, was the fact that he left Lowell in search of work without telling her. Judge Hadley told the boy that he should have acquainted his mother with his intentions, but on the other hand the judge realized that the boy was anxious to improve his own and his mother's conditions. The boy's name will not appear on the criminal's book at the police station.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Emil Menleur and Dion Perrault were charged with the larceny of $37, the property of one Josiah F. Hamilton, an Arch street groceryman. The Menleur boy took the money and Perrault claimed that Emil told him he found the money. Menleur was sent to the Lyman school and Perrault was placed on probation.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Annie Conroy, prison for women at Sherborn; James Brown was fined $6 and James Reynolds, James Connors, Frank Weymouth and Mary E. McOsker were fined $2 each.

Tonight's the night, Associate hall.

SEWER COMMITTEE

CLOSED YEAR'S WORK AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

The committee on sewers met yesterday and closed its work for the year. The three members, Aldermen Gerow, Grant and Gallagher, were present, and only minor closing business was transacted.

The sewer assessment of William H. Penn was abated $13 from $48, to $35. The assessment was on the Eaton street sewer.

J. F. O'Donnell petitioned that the sewer in Market street be either enlarged or lowered, as at times water entered his cellar. Superintendent Farnham stated that the trouble had been rectified and the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

Two minor petitions were referred to the sewer committee of next year.

When you have any real estate to sell, consult J. F. Donohoe, Donovan Bldg. Telephone.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Yerxa's

223 Central Street, Lowell

All the Week

4 Cans Choice Peas
4 Cans Choice Corn
4 Cans Choice Tomatoes

FOR 90c

These are not the ordinary watery, unpalatable goods commonly sold cheap, but seasoned goods. Warranted satisfactory in every respect.

Leaders for Friday and Saturday

New York Pea Beans.....7c qt.; 4 qts. 25c
Best Fat Pork.....9c lb.; 3 lbs. 25c

Leaders for Monday and Tuesday

Boston Blend Coffee.....23c lb.; 4 lbs. 90c
Our Delicious 50c Tea cut to..... 40c lb.

Leaders for Wednesday and Thursday

Yerxa's Best Flour.....$6.85 Bbl.; 90c Bag
Quaker Oats.....9c pkg.; 3 for 25c

Finest quality Raisins, Currants, Citron, Candied Peels, Nuts, Oranges, Grapes, etc., in great variety for Xmas. Our prices are always the lowest. Free Delivery.

This Store Will Remain Open Until 9.30 Until Christmas.

Men's Fancy Vests $2, $2.50, $3.00

J·L·CHALIFOUX
49 to 59 CENTRAL ST.

Ladies' Silk Waists $2.95 $3.95

At present everyone's mind is upon Christmas and one is very often at a loss to know what gifts to get for family or friends. Let us settle that for you. Our stocks are larger, broader and better than ever before. In the bulletin below you may find just what you are looking for.

XMAS HANDKERCHIEF SALE

Our stock in Handkerchiefs this season is the largest we have ever carried and the most attractive shown in the city.

12 1-2c Each or 69c a Box

We have about 500 dozen Ladies' guaranteed all linen initial Handkerchiefs. These are put up in an attractive box and make a very acceptable gift.

Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, made of pure linen .....10c Each

Men's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with or without initial .....25c Each

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered edges, put up 6 in a box, $1.50 a Box, or 25c Each

Men's Guaranteed Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and hemstitched....12½c Each, 2 for 25c

DAINTY NECKWEAR FOR LADIES

All the new and dainty ideas in neckwear expressly designed for the holidays can be found in our showing, the largest and best in town.

Ladies' Neckwear—Stocks made in Venice lace with chiffon jabot and ruchings at top; neckpieces of chiffon with chiffon jabot taffeta silk stocks, decorated with steel and gold beads, put up in a fancy box 48c

Ladies' All Wool Sweaters, made in all colors, with full sleeves and blouse effect. $1.50, $1.95, $2.50

Ladies' All Wool Vests, in all the popular shades, high cut and close weave..... 98c

Ladies' Kid Walking Gloves, made in all tan shades, the famous Meyer gloves $1.00

HOLIDAY UMBRELLA SHOWING

One of the most welcome gifts for a man or woman is an umbrella. Let us show you the fine umbrellas we are selling for little money.

Women's and Men's Umbrellas with good coverings and paragon frames. Choice of silver or pearl handles .....69c and 79c

Women's and Men's 26 and 28 in. umbrellas, union silk covers, tassels, steel paragon frame and rod, large assortment and handles in pearl, silver, horn and natural wood .....95c and $1.50

Women's and Men's 26 and 28-in. umbrellas, with tape edge taffeta covers, steel paragon frame and rod, large line of handles in long pearls, gun metal, ivories, horns, natural woods, etc. $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 and $5.00

HANDSOME NECKWEAR FOR MEN

Our Neckwear department contains a great variety of styles and prices in handsome neckwear for men. Make a selection from below.

Men's Handsome Silk Neckwear in Four-in-hands and Tecks in assorted colors 25c

Men's 3-inch and 2-inch French Four-in-hands, Puffs and Ascots, made of pure silks in hundreds of patterns..... 48c

Men's Fine Mercerized Lisle Web Suspenders, put up one pair in a box 25c

Men's Fine Silk or Satin Suspenders, all new coloring..... 50c

Men's All Silk Suspenders, with fancy buckles, assorted colors, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00

Boys' All Wool Sweaters.

FACTORY BURNED

Total Loss is Estimated at $42,000

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Dec. 16.—A fire which started from some unknown cause in the factory of the White River Chair company, last night and which was believed to have been extinguished, broke out afresh early today and destroyed the factory. Quickly getting beyond the control of the local fire department, the flames spread to adjoining buildings and raged for several hours before they finally were checked. In addition to the chair factory, the carriage paint shop of Charles L. Hughes, the store of Madden and Trumbull, grain dealers, a small harness shop and a tenement house were burned to the ground. The total loss is estimated at $42,000.

When the local fire fighters found that the fire was assuming threatening proportions they summoned aid from this village and from Lebanon, N. H., both of which places quickly responded.

With the thermometer registering 10 below zero, the united departments made every possible effort to prevent a contagration which might destroy the entire village. The burned buildings were of wood, and it was found impossible to save them after the flames once got a start. Soon after daylight the wind freshened and fearing a further spread of the fire despite all their hard work, the firemen sent a call for aid to Concord, N. H., 82 miles away. A special train was quickly made up in that city, which made a rapid run here, bearing a steamer and hose carriage. With the help of this additional apparatus the fire was soon placed under control.

About 70 men are thrown out of employment by the burning of the chair factory, which was the principal industry of the town, and the loss will be felt keenly by many families.

The loss sustained by the White River Chair company is estimated at $25,000, with $12,000 insurance. Mr. Hughes's loss is $8,000, with $4,000 insurance. Madden & Trumbull, $3,000, with partial insurance. The harness shop and tenement house with contents, were valued at about $8,000, with slight insurance.

All telegraph and telephone wires were burned out, together with many of the electric lighting wires.

POLES REMOVED

THEIR ABSENCE IMPROVES APPEARANCE OF PRESCOTT ST.

The last news wire pole has disappeared from Prescott street and that thoroughfare has been vastly improved in appearance. Even in the widest street or avenue the removal of wire poles makes the street seem wider but in no instance, in this city, has the change been so marked as in Prescott street. That street was badly disfigured by big poles.

The work of removing poles is attended with a great deal of danger and the utmost caution must be exercised in order to avoid accidents. The men who climb the poles and work aloft in the frosty air are not to be envied. A great deal of their work exacts the removal of their gloves and their hands become so cold at times that they are unable to do anything. As such times they either swing one leg over an arm of the pole or dig their spurs deeper into the wood and lash their arms about their body in true gymnasium fashion.

The work of cutting and lowering the pole has been studied by the men employed by the various companies and the system is perfect. The pole is cut and lowered to a truck and pulled away in a scientific manner by men who are well trained to the business and whose work surprises those who are not versed in the business.

LABOR UNIONS

ASKED TO HELP FIGHT SPREAD OF TUBERCULOSIS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Labor unions have been asked to fight the spread of tuberculosis. The office janitors, cigar makers and garment workers have offered the co-operation of their organizations in efforts which are to be made to minimize dangers in down town buildings and unhealthy conditions in shops and factories. Among other things, the janitors will endeavor to discover means of shaking rugs and carpets without filling the air with dust and disease germs. Members of the union have been asked to suggest methods.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

WILL APPEAL TO U. S. SUPREME COURT.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—At a meeting in the office of Milton Smith, chairman of the democratic state control committees, attended by democratic leaders and attorneys, it has been decided to appeal to the U. S. supreme court of review the contempt proceedings before the Colorado supreme court. The records are now being prepared.

1 o'clock party Associate hall tonight.

IN SING SING

WELL KNOWN CONFIDENCE MAN GOT SENTENCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—After boasting for years that he would never serve sentence, Lawrence Summerfield, one of the best known confidence men in this country and also well known in Europe, was taken to Sing Sing prison yesterday to begin a sentence of not less than four years nor more than seven years and six months.

Summerfield was convicted of swindling, in connection with a copper mining company and appealed the case to the court of appeals, which early this week confirmed the conviction.

There is still an indictment for a robbery involving $10,000 against Summerfield.

GIFT OF $540,000

CARNEGIE'S OFFER TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made last night in New York that Andrew Carnegie had given to the city of Boston the sum of $540,000 and had become the joint founder with Benjamin Franklin of an institution for industrial training.

The new enterprise is to be managed [illegible] the lines of the Cooper Institute [illegible] New York.

Now for the Xmas Rush

Only eight more shopping days—from now on it will be the all important thought to get the gift buying done as soon as possible. Today and tomorrow will find this store busy in every section, for there are gifts by the thousand for thousands of gift buyers.

Gifts sentimental, gifts practical, gifts to delight the children and last but a strenuous day—gifts that give pleasure and comfort to the grown-ups for a year to come. Truly Christmas gifts and the best gift values we've ever offered in this store of solid worth.

YOU'LL ENJOY OUR HOT DRINKS SERVED IN THE INNOVATION WAY—JUST THAT MUCH BETTER THAN YOU FIND THEM ELSEWHERE. ANY KIND YOU WANT.

Come to This Store —For Your— GIFT GETTING

If you want to see the largest assortments of the newest style-fancies with the lowest prices for them—and we're sure you do. Every store has its things these days, but here you find broader aisles and more civil attention than elsewhere. Then there's our guarantee—the broadest in the land—"Satisfaction Always." If you make a mistake in "that gift" we'll gladly help you rectify it after Xmas—either in money or like value in other goods. Carry small parcels if you can and see that the address is quite correct on your bundles to be delivered—use the least crowded entrances, keep to right—all the old suggestions are good for the next few days.

Today and Tomorrow --- Our Grand Glove Offering --- Today and Tomorrow

Any Pair of Our Ladies' Regular $1.25 Kid Gloves May Be Purchased for Only 98c

All colors and blacks, in all the different styles—an appropriate glove box may be had for the asking—West Section—North Aisle

Handkerchiefs

For Men
For Women
For Children

"The universal gift." A stupendous array is here—seems as though we must have as many as all the rest of the stores together. Handkerchiefs for the most fastidious—Handkerchiefs of the every day sort and the finest Handkerchiefs we can buy. YOU NEVER SAW MORE WORTH FOR YOUR MONEY IN HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1-8, 1-4 and 1-2 inch hem, 12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c and 50c.

Ladies' All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c Each, 6 in a Box for only $1.35.

Ladies' All Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, 12½c, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50 Each.

Ladies' All Linen Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs, 12½c, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00, $7.00, $8.00 and $10.00.

Ladies' Plain White and Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, 5c Each.

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c Box.

Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12½c and 25c Each.

Men's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1-4, 1-2 and 1 inch hems, 12½c, 17c, 20c, 25c, 38c and 50c Each.

Men's All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c Each, or 6 in a Box for only $1.35.

Men's All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at 50c Each.

Men's Unlaundered Initial Handkerchiefs, 12½c.

Ladies' Unlaundered Initial Handkerchiefs, 12½c.

Men's Japanese Silk Initial and Plain, 25c and $1.00.

We give an appropriate box with every dollar's worth of Handkerchiefs. Easy buying handkerchiefs here—33 feet of selling space and ten clerks to assist you.

EAST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Practical Gifts

For Mother, Sister or Daughter FROM OUR GARMENT ROOM

To Be Bought Today At a Great Saving

The balance of the Credit Co.'s stock will be sold at almost any price. There are a couple of tables and racks to choose from and if you're suited we'll make the price right.

Also we offer 20 dozen Black Mercerized Petticoats, regular price 98c, only 69c.

3 dozen (only) Moreen Petticoats, made with the McGee Adjustable yoke in colors, blue, gray and green, regular price $5.00 and $4.50, only $1.98.

100 Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats, regular price $5.00, only $3.98.

1 rack of Grand Good Rain Coats, made from Cravenette cloths in Oxfords, Olives and Tan, also some fancy mannish mixtures and checks, regular prices $10.00, $12.50 and $13.50, only $7.50.

5 dozen Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, red, blue and gray, sizes 32 to 42, regular price 79c, only 58c.

A lot of Children's Eiderdown Bath Robes in red, blue, pink and white, sizes 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, only $1.25.

1 rack of Ladies' Winter Coats, made of Kerseys, Cheviots and Coverts, in dark colors and castor. The proper lengths and the best of styles, regular price $10, $12.50 and $13.50, only.....$7.50

100 Children's Coats to be sold at a great sacrifice.

All our $3.98 Coats for $2.98.

All our $5.00 and $6.75 Coats for $3.98.

All our $7.50 Coats for $4.98.

All our $10.00 and $12.50 Coats for $7.98.

Children's Furs—A most extensive variety including Angora Thibet, Ermine, Brook Mink, Electric, Chinchilla and fancy combinations, both in the round and pocket Muffs, $1.50 to $10.00.

The largest showing of Ladies' Muffs, Scarfs and Fur Lined Coats ever made in this section. WE'RE SELLING OUR FURS VERY CLOSE THIS SEASON.

EAST SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

The Sort of Presents Men Like Are Here

Good Wearables at under prices today.

When you're buying Neckties, Shirts, House Coats, Bath Robes, etc., articles which are made from fancy stuffs, we say buy patterns that he won't find the next fellow wearing—exclusive styles—when you've no more to pay for them.

When you're buying Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, etc., look for the wearing qualities. "We repeat" that our patterns are exclusive always and our values the best offered in New England.

SPECIALS—3 pairs Fancy Lisle or Plain Worsted Hose, put up in a fancy box, regular 50c a pair quality, for $1.00.

Men's Woolen and Worsted Sweaters and Cardigan Jackets, plain and fancy weaves, oxfords, black or white AT HALF THEIR REGULAR PRICES.

6 dozen Men's Cape Gloves, English cut, hand sewn, one button. The truly nobby street glove, regular price $1.50, only $1.19 a Pair.

A case of Natural Worsted Shirts and Drawers, regular $2.00 Underwear in every way, shape and fit, only $1.19.

New Bath Robes, fifteen styles to choose from, all combinations of colors, and the prettiest patterns of the season, from $3.50 to $12.00.

Smoking Jackets or House Coats are here in about fifty different patterns, the best values yet between $3.[illegible] and $10.00.

EAST SECTION—RIGHT AISLE.

THE BOOK STORE

These are good days to buy books for we can almost promise that even the most particular book order can be executed before Xmas is here.

Books for boys, Books for girls, and Books for the older folks. Bibles, Prayer Books, etc. Children's Picturebooks, Calendars, etc.

PALMER STREET—CENTRE AISLE.

The Toy Shop

If you can get the children in tomorrow be sure and come here. Gifts for growing boys, mechanical and constructive—gifts for little misses, of doll-house articles and "young furniture." Games for everybody. This department is more attractive than ever before.

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT

Doll-Land

Never such a window display as our Doll show. A thousand and more Sample Dolls, with golden hair or auburn tresses. Dressed or undressed, the greatest values we've ever offered.

25c to $10

PALMER STREET—REAR.

Xmas Slippers

Just the same good, most acceptable gifts that they've been for years. How much prettier and more attractive and more comfortable. The last for the men, the first for the women folks. Here's grand choosing:

Men's Romeos, tan or black, with fine kid lining, at $1.69 a Pair
Men's Columbias, Everetts and Oxfords, tans and black, with light lining.....$1.50 and $1.25 a Pair
Men's Black "Harvards".....$1.00 a Pair
Men's Dodgville Felt Romeos.....$1.39 a Pair
Ladies' Felt Romeos, fur trimmed, at 89c, $1.00 and $1.25
Ladies' Satin and Felt Romeos, $1.00 quality, for....79c
Misses' and Children's Romeos.....59c, 69c and 79c
Ladies' Wool Lined Kid Shoes.....$2.19

EAST SECTION—RIGHT AISLE.

Umbrellas

They're even more convenient than last year and we've a great many more to choose from. We offer better values than ever before and guarantee every umbrella bought here. Any sort of a handle you wish for and the best kinds of rain-proof cloths.

Ladies' Umbrellas.....98c to $15.00
Men's Umbrellas.....98c to $15.00
Children's Umbrellas.....50c, 75c and $1.25

WEST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Xmas Ribbons

We've a full line—full of interest to you who use ribbons for decorating—for fancy work or to tie up your presents.

The Green and Red Holly Ribbons, in all widths. 1000 pieces of the No. 1 Red, for tying packages, only 25c EACH

Shaded Ribbons of red and green, No. 1, 30c A PIECE

Fancy Ribbons, in all the leading styles, from 4 to 10 inches wide, for fancy work....39c to $2.98 A YARD

The latest novelty is the Paoncitta or Mexican Holly Ribbon for fancy work, at.....59c and 69c A YARD

WEST SECTION—CENTRE AISLE.

Tea and Coffee

FOR 80c—1 pound Tea, 1 pound A. G. P. Coffee, 5 pounds Sugar, 1 package Breakfast Cereal, all for 80c.

Fresh New Figs, only.....17c A BASKET

MERRIMACK STREET—BASEMENT

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Sts.

TURKEY SUPPER

GIVEN BY MEN OF PAWTUCKET CHURCH.

The men of the Pawtucket church gave their annual turkey supper last night and 300 enjoyed the layout.

The tables were fairly teeming with good things, and there was turkey meat to spare. The pies were a feature, as always. The committee in charge of the supper was as follows: P. P. Burbank, Harry Howe, W. T. S. Bartlett, J. B. V. Coburn.

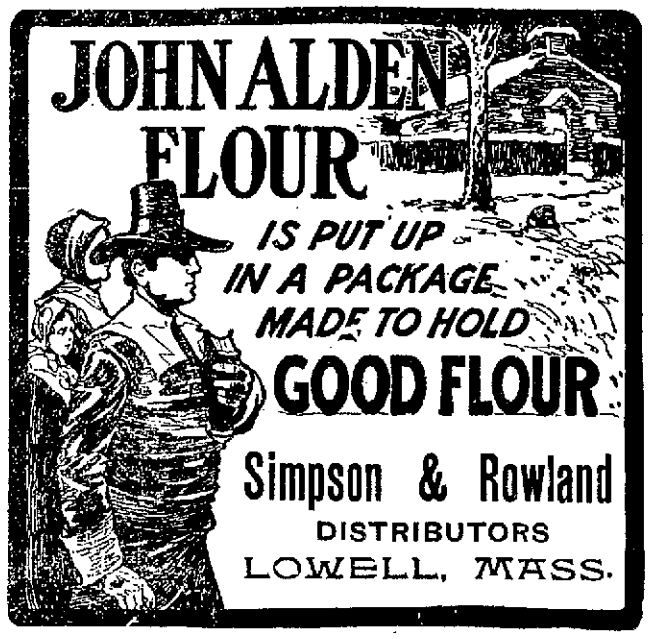
After the supper Rev. Mr. Page of Lawrence gave a lecture in the auditorium on "Ellis Island." He told of the study in human nature possible to the student who went there to observe. "I have often feared for the good of the country," he said, "when I thought of the large numbers of foreigners dumped on the island every year; but after I have come closely in contact with the specimens themselves, I breathe easier. There is not so much to fear, after all. Take for instance the children who come to our shores. It does not take our schools long to mould them into American citizenship material."

OLD CHURCH BURNED

FIRE IN WOONSOCKET CAUSED LOSS OF $17 000.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 16.—A fire last evening destroyed the building which for fifty years was known as the Old Globe Congregational church, entailing a loss of about $17,000; partly covered by insurance.

Sherman T. Stiles, the owner, occupied the lower floor. The upper floor was occupied by Henry C. Hubbard, tape manufacturer. The latter's loss is $5000. Mr. Stiles' loss on the building is $4000, and on his stock of lace and machinery $8000.



See Window Display You'll be Our Customer

THE CUTTING BEGINS

Not Selling Out, But Closing Out

Every Heavy	Every Heavy	Every Heavy
OVERCOAT	SUIT	PANT

At prices which mean a great saving for economical buyers.

NOW'S THE TIME

Why wait for the end of the season? NOW—Right in season, and when you need them most—You can take your choice from a big line of up-to-date garments,

At End of Season Prices.

Why Mention Prices? No Use. You've Got to See the Goods to Appreciate the Values We are Offering

Come in and See How Good a Trade We'll Give You

We rather have the money than the goods.

ROY & O'HEIR

The Little Store With the Big Trade

88 Prescott St., Facing Market

FAMILIES ESCAPED

FIRE IN TENEMENT BLOCK IN BATH, ME.

BATH, Me. Dec. 16.—Fire starting in a store occupied by Narsias Attaya, corner of Hunt and Arch streets last night, spread to the block owned by Dr. Samuel Anderson and a building on Front street owned by Frederick H. Kimball, causing a total loss of $10,000. Several families occupied tenements in the buildings but all escaped, although some of them lost all their personal effects. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NO MORE BOXING

MAYOR HARRISON PUTS STOP TO IT IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The death blow to boxing in Chicago was administered yesterday by Mayor Carter H. Harrison. To each club that has conducted boxing contests of any kind, and to the chief of police, for an enforcement, Mayor Harrison has sent copies of an opinion by the corporation counsel which will compel even the Chicago Athletic association to discontinue its exhibitions.

Not only does the corporation counsel maintain that prize fighting anywhere within the state is a felony and that witnesses are guilty of a misdemeanor, but he shows that by law, where the elation of battle and the exaltation of victory are the only inducements for the boxers to perform for the public, such exhibitions are illegal, where the public is invited to attend, either by paying a fee or entering free of price.

BOBBY WALTHOUR

SAYS RIDERS HAVE ORGANIZED NEW ASSOCIATION.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—"Bobby" Walthour who, with other bicycle riders, has been penalized for leaving the track at Madison Square Garden during the recent six days' contest, announced yesterday that before the riders left New York the formation of the American cyclist association was agreed upon, to become effective if the national cycling association should take the course that it has by punishing the ten men who left the contest. This association, he says, is backed by several men of wealth, and will include most of the leading professional riders of the country. A meeting is to be held at Boston early next month when the organization will be completed. Mr. Kerrson of the Boston Herald is proposed as president of the new organization.

BECAME INSANE

SURGEON FROM ONTARIO WAS SUDDENLY ATTACKED.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 16.—Joseph Craugh, a vetinary surgeon from Ontario, Canada, on the way to Los Angeles and San Francisco on a pleasure trip, became suddenly insane here, cutting and perhaps fatally wounding W. D. Richards, a railroad man, and Police Captain W. D. Greel. Craugh was shot and wounded by a policeman.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

W. R. C. No. 33, held its regular meeting last evening. One application was received. In the afternoon the ladies met and sewed, and at 6 o'clock sat down to a fine supper. Mrs. Cornell poured. The committee on the Soldiers' home, Chelsea, gave a fine report of the home corps 33 having a room there, which they take care of. The Middlesex association will meet in Everett, Dec. 29. The members will leave the square at 7.30 a. m. The corps members are to send a box to the Soldiers' home for Christmas.

Lowell council No. 8, R. A., held its regular meeting last night. The degree was conferred on one candidate and there was one application received. After the business meeting the members entered in a whist contest. The following were the winners of the prizes: Geo. King, score 27, smoking set; W. H. Penn, 26, umbrella; F. A. Grindle, 25, lui stand; Lewis Fielding, 24, toilet soap; D. W. Whittet, booby, knife, score 4.

HOLIDAY TIMES

AT

Lowell One Price Clothing Co.'s Store

THE BUSY STORE

That dear old fellow, Santa Claus, the Myth of Fairyland, is with us again. After all, is he a flight of fancy? Doesn't he open up to us every year that fountain of youth where we all drink and are young again? Wish we could forget selling and the hum-drum of store to share with you the festivities of this happy month.

Gift things of all sorts—useful and practical gifts for men and boys are here displayed in such enormous quantity that would furnish Santa's sack to overflowing—and at prices that must make that provident old dispenser of Christmas cheer chuckle to himself as he thinks how many more stockings he can fill than he expected.

We already are doing a large holiday business, simply because at this time, as at other times during the year, we adhere strictly to popular prices. Take, for instance, our immense lines of

Beautiful Neckwear, Gloves, Umbrellas, House Coats, Bath Robes, Suspenders, French Domet Pajamas, Handkerchiefs, Full Dress Shields, Suit Cases, Silk Mufflers, Slippers, Caps, Etc. Etc. Etc.

We challenge any competition to produce anything that will excel them. We are disposed, if anything, to sell goods cheaper at this holiday time than any other, for with us it closes the most successful season's business we have ever done, and we feel like doing our share toward making the Christmas season of our customers as pleasant as we can.

See the New Holiday Derby --- None Like It Shown in This City

NEITHER MARKED UP NOR DOWN, BUT SOLD AT PRICES THAT WILL PLEASE YOU

OVERCOATS

$8, $10, $12, $15, $18, $20, $25

Every overcoat in our store is of 1904-05 style and we offer no old goods at any price. If you are looking for the best you should see our stock of fine overcoats. In regard to prices we wish to say that if you find you can do better elsewhere we will refund your money.

Boys' Chic Overcoats

Nowhere else can be found such a stock of boys' and children's overcoats of all styles, and we are determined that no spot on earth will offer such inducements in the way of low prices. We sell nothing but good, dependable, up-to-date clothing, no matter how low the price. Overcoats:

$1.95, $2.45, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $7.00

Notable Progress In the Development of Airships

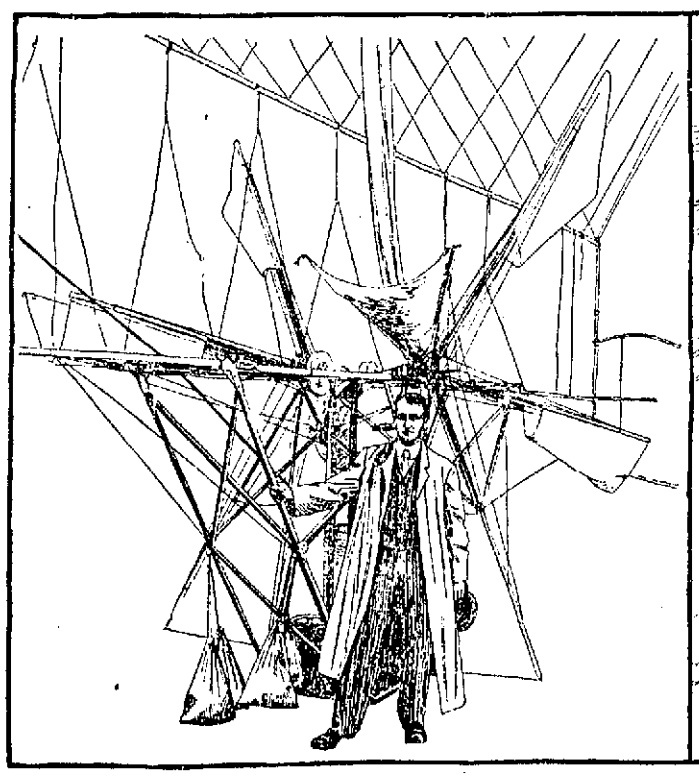
THE science of aeronautics seems to be almost ready to emerge from the shadowy realm of theory and to take on the exactness which is the crowning glory of all the practical arts. Recent tests made at St. Louis under the auspices of the committee of transportation exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase exposition show that the development of dirigible flying machines has received a decided impetus in the last few months. This is due in part to the liberal inducements offered by the fair managers, but the spirit of competitive enterprise is also responsible for the growing activity among experimenters in aerial navigation.

The wonderful performances of the airship built under the supervision of the veteran aeronaut, Captain Thomas S. Baldwin of San Francisco, known as the manufacturer of more balloons than any other person who ever lived, has brought America into first place among those countries which are trying to penetrate the secret of air navigation. This astonishing piece of mechanism, named by its builder the California Arrow, seems to be as obedient to the directing hand of its operator as is any of the modern propelling motors. It not only repeats the aerial exploits of Santos-Dumont's most successful machine, but it has demonstrated the fact that it is vastly more dirigible and not so subject to embarrassing eccentricities. It does not detract from the favorable impression it has made upon experts and upon the general public as well that the California Arrow came to its test with slight public exploitation and that its prudent builder was chary with his claims of what the machine would accomplish. It was known in the aeronautic world that Captain Baldwin was building an airship, but he had been in the business for so many years that no one even suspected that he was trying to eclipse all of his previous efforts.

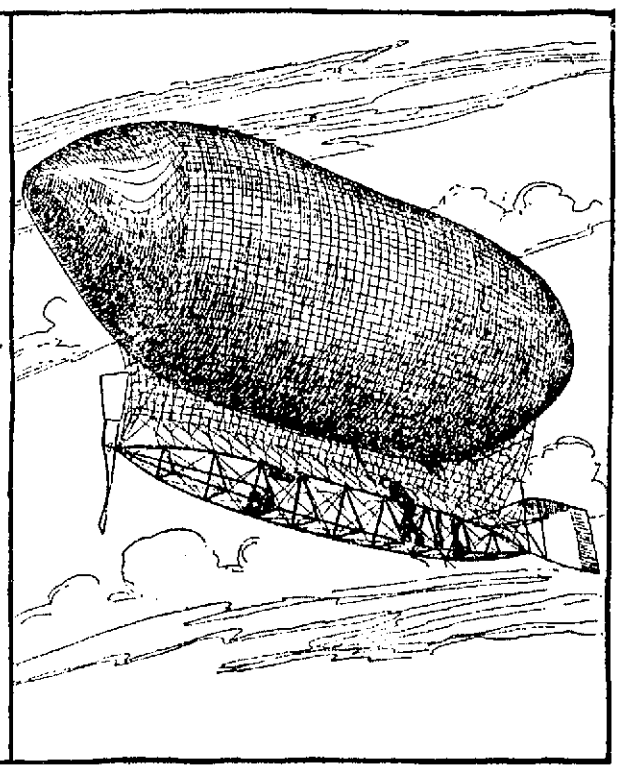
At one of the tests, as an instance of the positive dirigibility of the California Arrow, and in the face of a wind blowing from the northwest at the rate of ten miles an hour, the vessel sailed easily back and forth at a height of 300 feet and upward and returned several times to the starting point. At the last trial just as the airship had described in the air for the second time a gigantic figure 8 the spark of the gasoline motor engine was raised a little too high, and the mechanism ceased to work. In any other airship ever invented this would have been disastrous, but the California Arrow was supplied with a remedy for the accident. Her shrewd inventor had looked out for that. Although the propelling apparatus could no longer be used and the vessel was adrift on the wind, the aeronaut was still able, simply by the shifting of his own weight and the manipulation of the rudder and the ballast, to turn the craft, raise and lower it in the air and to control to a considerable extent the direction of the movements. The operator showed not the least concern, but deliberately selected a convenient landing and descended leisurely to the ground without the slightest injury either to himself or to the machine.

Now that the test has proved satisfactory Captain Baldwin confesses that the California Arrow is the product of over thirty years' study and experimentation. It has a cigar shaped gas bag of varnished Japanese silk fifty-two feet in length and seventeen in diameter, with a capacity of 8,000 cubic feet. On the upper surface and at the ends the silk is doubled and at the points of greatest strain trebled. The car, forty feet in length, is a light framework of white cedar braced with piano wire. It is in section a perfect equilateral triangle, so that the whole is in the shape of a right prism save that it grows smaller and smaller toward the ends. This car is drawn through the air by a two bladed silk propeller eleven feet from tip to tip, set at an angle of twenty degrees at the front end of the car.

The engine weighs only sixty-six pounds, but performs 2,500 revolutions a minute and has a working capacity of seven horsepower. The propeller itself makes 200 revolutions a minute, and the draft of air serves to prevent the Hercules gasoline engine from exploding. The engine is set about eight feet from the forward end of the car. The aeronaut has a seat and cunning platform about twelve feet back of the engine, and he can move about the car at will, although a change of position of less than two feet is sufficient to cause the craft to ascend or descend by lowering the beak. The total weight of the entire apparatus is only 220 pounds. The maximum speed thus far attained by its own engine, not taking the wind into consideration, is twelve miles an hour.



BENBOW AND THE PROPELLING APPARATUS OF HIS AIRSHIP.



BALDWIN'S AIRSHIP IN FLIGHT.

It must be borne in mind that the California Arrow is little more than a small and rather superficially constructed working model. With a well made engine and a thoroughly up to date carburetor, such as Captain Baldwin is now using on an airship under construction at Los Angeles, Cal., even greater wonders may be accomplished. One of the chief drawbacks to aerial navigation has been the difficulty of securing competent workmen and the necessity of putting up with relatively crude and unreliable mechanical instruments.

Another promising airship of American construction is the invention of T. C. Benbow of Butte, Mont. It is constructed on an entirely different principle from the Baldwin flier, and many of its features are exceedingly ingenious. It is much larger than the California Arrow, the cigar shaped bag being seventy-four feet in length and nearly twenty-two in breadth. It has a capacity of 14,000 cubic feet and can carry a load of 1,000 pounds. Directly underneath the center of the gas bag and attached to its cords is a horizontal spar about two-thirds as long as itself, made of steel, with the exception of a short prolongation of bamboo aft to which the rudder post is affixed. From this rod is suspended the car proper, which is a framework of aluminium, sustained by steel rods and further strengthened with braces of piano wire.

The car is divided into two compartments, the forward one containing a ten horsepower Hercules gasoline engine and the other the rectangular wicker basket in which the aeronaut stands. The gasoline tank is in front of the basket and is connected with the carburetor and engine by means of pipes running under the basket. The engine is kept cool by an ordinary electric fan attached in front of it. The propelling apparatus is geared to the engine by a broad leather belt and consists of two wheels, one on each side of the car and at the exact center of gravity of the entire apparatus. These wheels are twelve feet in diameter and make eighty revolutions a minute. Each wheel is composed of four six-foot blades or wings made of canvas stretched on bicycle tubing with piano wire braces. These wings are collapsible and by an ingenious mechanical device are made to close up at each revolution, remaining open just long enough to grasp the air and presenting a minimum of resistance while returning to the point of greatest efficiency. This evident application to aerial navigation of the principle governing the motions of the human hands in swimming and the change of position of the vanes on the feathers of birds during flight is looked upon by air navigation experts as of great and unquestionable value. By using a crank placed conveniently within reach of the navigator the operation of the wings may be modified so as to cause the craft to ascend or descend at will.

The working out of the plans for this airship was begun twelve years ago while Mr. Benbow was leading the life of a rancher on the Montana plains, but its actual construction was not begun until May of last year. The device is suggestive of great possibilities.

WALTER MILLARD.

WHEN VICTORIA WAS REBUKED.

Lady Henry Somerset, the well known temperance enthusiast, is probably the only person living who ever administered a rebuke to Queen Victoria. It was more than forty years ago when Lady Isabel Somers-Cocks, as she then was, was a tiny maiden of about seven summers with an adequate idea of her own importance in the scale of creation. The queen, one day seeing the little lady sitting demurely alone, walked toward her and, patting her cheek, said, "And so you are little Isabel?" This was familiarity which the daughter of an earl could not brook, so, tossing her pretty little head, she answered loftily, "I am Lady Isabel, if you please."

LIQUOR RAIDS

Made by "Novelty Concert Company"

NEW MODE OF CATCHING HOTELS

Cohasset and Hingham Fooled by Bluff Show Bills

BOSTON, Dec. 16—There'll be no show this evening.

The "Novelty Concert Company," advertised through the medium of flaring posters and hundreds of flyers to present a high-class concert program tonight at Cohasset town hall, has already appeared, it seems, and on Monday evening presented Hoyt's "A Temperance Town" to a small and selected audience.

The "company" which has been extensively advertised, proves to be the product of Officer M. William Silvia's plan for a novelty in liquor raiding. His "advance agents" and some of the "company" members put up at the Central House and participated in the sensational liquor raids there on Monday evening, conducted in connection with a similar raid at the Cohasset House, both of which were largely productive of liquors. These "agents," too, will probably be called by the prosecution into Hingham court when the cases are called if there is any contest by the defendants against convictions.

The first Cohasset heard of the "Novelty Concert Company" was a few days ago, when large flaring posters were displayed in nearly every public building in town and in the Central House, which was a victim of the raid. The poster was as follows:

COMING!

NOVELTY CONCERT COMPANY.

Tenth annual tour under the management of Frank R. Morton.

8—BIG ACTS—8.

The 3 Hart Brothers, clever instrumentalists and blackface comedians.

Edward J. Neville, story teller and dialect recitationist.

Lillian J. Keene, Boston's popular soprano.

Ethel Montague, dancesse.

Fred H. Sellers, magician and illusionist.

Francis Hitchcock, popular baritone soloist.

Watch for flyers.

Flyers issued subsequently and scattered broadcast throughout the town announced that the company would appear at town hall on Friday evening, Dec. 15, that the doors would be open at 7 o'clock and that the performance would begin at 8. General admission was to be 25 cents and reserved seats 35 cents.

All looked well. Cohasset anticipated a fine concert. Some of the names advertised looked familiar, pieces were stated and the time of opening was announced so that everything appeared genuine. Then the "advance agent" struck town. There were two of them. They presented cards at the Central House and were received as guests during their stay in town and entertained according to their orders. Nothing was suspected until Monday evening.

Then the "Novelty Company" took the boards. Officers from Randolph, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Holbrook, Cohasset and elsewhere constituted the company members and Officer M. William Silvia of Cohasset, assisted by Officer E. Forrest Knight of Randolph, directed the evening's entertainment. They descended early in the evening on the Cohasset and Central Houses and it was there that "A Temperance Town" was presented. The affair was a success at least from a temperance standpoint, and both houses were quite thoroughly dry before the company members concluded. The company played only to such as happened to be in the vicinity of the houses visited.

Notwithstanding all that had happened, the clear facts regarding the boards. Officers from Randolph, Brockton surface for some time later. Then it was discovered that the "advance agents" were officers placed in the houses to get evidence, that the company itself was the raiding party and that there would be no show Friday night at town hall.

The whole affair was engineered by Officer Silvia. The cases will be heard in Hingham later, the first on Saturday morning and another on Dec. 27.

Goods at low prices, Oriental Bazaar.

CARPET GLEE CLUB.

A successful dancing party was held at Prescott hall last night under the auspices of the Carpet Glee club. There was a good sized attendance and the affair was a success in every particular.

The following were the officers of the evening: General manager, Miss Ruby Hillman; assistant general manager, Miss Minnie Rourke; floor director, Miss Kitty Kennedy; assistant floor director, Miss Alice McGrail; chief aid, Miss Gladys Hillman; aids, Nellie Mahon, Susie McMin, Annie Swan, Maude Esterbrook, Clara Brown, Margaret Rourke.

Reception committee: Miss Kittie Kelleher, chairman; Margaret Ward, Margaret Quinn, Mamie Ward, Lizzie McAvoy, Etta Dowd, Aggie Welsh, May Leary, Miss Annie McGrail, treasurer.

SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Club Social de Pawtucketville, held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: President, Ernest Genest; vice president, Joseph Boivin; secretary, L. C. Gelinas, re-elected; assistant secretary, Omer Allard; treasurer, Frederic Therriault, re-elected; assistant treasurer, Euclide Cinq-Mars, re-elected; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Chandonnet. The installation of these officers will take place on January 5. After the election of officers took place a smoke talk and social hour was spent.

Genuine Chinaware, Oriental Bazaar.

EAGLES' FIELD DAY.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 16.—At a meeting last night of the delegates of the order of Eagles of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire, it was decided to hold the New England field day next year in Providence, R. I. The date will be selected later.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

Friday, Dec. 16—An informal tea from 4 to 6.

Monday, Dec. 19—Christmas concert. Old English songs. Music by a boy soprano from Boston, assisted by a picked choir of men and boys.

Holiday gifts, Oriental Bazaar.

CHRISTMAS SALE

HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS. JUSTIN DOWS.

A Christmas sale, under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society of Branch street church was held at the residence of Mrs. Justin Dows in Walker street last evening.

The drawing room was elaborately decorated. The fancy table, with its trimmings of light green muslin was presided over by A. M. Holman, S. N. Harris, John Talford and D. O. Christian. A mystery table was conducted by the Farther Lights society of the church, Mrs. F. T. Fletcher, president. Mrs. Fletcher was assisted by the Misses Ella Bernhart, Sadie Deane, Bertha Phinney, Edith Fletcher and Nellie Smith. Mrs. C. A. Thorning and Mrs. Pliny Goddard sold aprons. In the dining room was the cake and candy counter under the management of Mesdames S. B. Soule and Emma H. Duncan.

All kinds of novelties, Oriental Bazaar.

ATTELL GOT DECISION.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Monley Attell of San Francisco last night gained the decision over Johnny Reonn of New York after fifteen rounds of fighting before the West End club.

MATTY MATHEWS WON.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 16.—Matty Mathews, of Brooklyn, gained a decision over Foster Walker of Detroit in a six-round fight before the Olympic club here last night.

This is the time to buy coal. See Fred H. Rourke, 964 Gorham street.

HOUGH'S PLAYING

Brought Victory to the Natick Team

LOWELL PUT UP A STUBBORN BATTLE

Haverhill Keeps Up Winning Gait

Such games as that played in the state armory last night will certainly revive the interest in basketball in this city.

Lowell and Natick met and once more demonstrated the fact that in the entire league there is not a more evenly matched pair or two teams that fight every inch of ground more excitedly than do the old rivals.

Natick got last night's game by a score of 29 to 25 after a rattling contest that tested the endurance of the ten men almost to to the limit. Such a pace it did not seem the men could maintain to the end, and the fact that they were good for another period when the third closed shows what condition they are in. It is true that Natick played more team work than did the home team, but at that the locals should have won and would have, had it not been for the "bad eye" affliction of some of the men.

Harry Hough, the little wonder, once more proved his right to the title and his floor work was marvellous. Fogarty was kissed several times by the audience for his unnecessary foul work, and at one time when he deliberately shook the netting when a Lowell man tried for the basket he was penalized and right away started to put up a kick. The audience shouted for Referee Connors to put him out of the game.

Ferat played a clever game and "Ike" Loos shared the honors for Lowell with Toby Matthews. These two men certainly delivered the goods last night if ever they did. Enos did not come up to expectations and seemed unable to understand the passing work of the members of the team. Instead of getting after the ball he waited for it to come to him. In this way he lost it very often to one of the Natick men. For two and a half periods it was a seesaw game, first one and then the other team leading. Toward the close of the final period Harry Hough got in his fine work and gave his team a lead of several points. Then Lowell braced up and with four minutes remaining to play the score was 26 to 26 in favor of Natick. Ferat and Hough again got active and the final score was 29 to 25. In the last two minutes of play Lowell lost half a dozen chances to score when the ball was directly under the visitors' basket.

Referee Connors announced that next Tuesday night the Natick team will face Lowell in Associate hall, it being a transferred game.

LOWELL—25	29—NATICK
Enos lf	rb Hough
Leighton rf	lb Mayhan
Matthews c	c Mullner
I. Loos lb	rf Fogarty
W. Loos rb	lf Ferat

Won by	Scored by	Score
Natick	Mullner	2—0
Natick	Mullner	4—0
Natick	Ferat	6—0
Lowell	Leighton	6—2
Lowell	Third foul	6—3
Lowell	I. Loos	6—5
Lowell	Third foul	6—6
	LIMIT.	
Lowell	Matthews	6—8
Natick	Hough	8—8
Natick	Third foul	9—8
Lowell	Matthews	9—10
Natick	Ferat	11—10
Lowell	I. Loos	11—12
Lowell	Matthews	11—14
Lowell	Matthews	11—16
	LIMIT.	
Natick	Hough	13—16
Natick	Third foul	14—16
Natick	Hough	15—16
Lowell	Third foul	16—17
Natick	Fogarty	18—17
Natick	Hough	20—17
Lowell	Matthews	20—19
Natick	Mullner	22—19
Natick	Hough	24—19
Natick	Hough	26—19
Lowell	Matthews	26—21
Lowell	Leighton	26—23
Lowell	Enos	26—25
Natick	Third foul	27—25
Natick	Hough	29—25

Summary: Score—Natick 29, Lowell 25. Goals—By Mullner 3, Ferat 2, Hough 7, Fogarty, Leighton 2, I. Loos 2, Matthews 6, Enos. Fouls—By Enos 4, Fogarty 7, Mayhan 3, Matthews 3, W. Loos, I. Loos, Hough. Referee—Chas. Connors. Timers—Gray and O'Neil. Attendance—600.

TEXTILE SCHOOL WON.

Lowell Textile school basketball players defeated, 19 to 5, the Nashua High school in a contest preliminary to the New England league game in the state armory. Walker and McDonald did all the basket throwing for Textile and Lewis for the visitors. The summary:

LOWELL T S	NASHUA H S
Walker rf	lb Wright
McDonald lf	rb Gravis
Church c	c Lewis
Hunting rb	lf Williams
Moore lb	rb Bruin

Score—Lowell Textile 19, Nashua High 5. Goals from floor—Walker 6, McDonald 3, Lewis. Points on fouls—Nashua High 3, Textile. Referee—Charles Conners. Time—Two 20m halves.

HAVERHILL WON ONCE MORE.

HAVERHILL, Dec. 16.—Haverhill continued its winning streak in the New England basketball league series by defeating Amesbury last evening, 24 to 14, in the closest game of the season. The locals led by two points at the end of the first period, and increased this lead to three in the second period, but early in the last period they succeeded in scaling the total way ahead of the visitors. Some fast work was done by Lew, Kennedy and Wachter, while Donnelly and Zanger contributed some pretty baskets from long shots. The summary:

HAVERHILL	AMESBURY
Doyle, Haggerty rf	lb Henschel
Kennedy lf	rb Donnelly
Wachter c	c Penino
Lew rb	lf Healey
Williamson lb	rf Zanger

Score—Haverhill 24, Amesbury 14. Goals from floor—Kennedy 3, Doyle 3, Wachter 3, Williamson 2, Zanger 3, Donnelly 2, Henschel. Points from fouls—Haverhill 2, Amesbury 2. Referee—Pickard. Timers—Driscoll, Murphy. Time—Three 15m periods. Attendance—200.

Connors seems to be the favored one among the referees in every city in the league.

With Qualey and Devlin on the home team it would add greatly to the general interest in the sport in Lowell.

Natick certainly puts up a great article of basketball. Yet, this is no wonder, as the men have been playing together for several years and play in summer as well as in winter.

No more games at the armory. Beginning next Tuesday evening Associate hall will be the scene of the New England league games and the attendance will increase with the new arrangement, as the hall is centrally situated.

WRESTLING NOTES

John Little wants to meet some of the cracks in this city.

Aury, the newly arrived French champion, who last week beat Maupas, is regarded by Montreal experts as the greatest wrestler in the world. He weighs 263 pounds and has won over 200 matches.

Charlie Jackson, his manager and a party of Lowell men, will go to Montreal Sunday night to attend the Parker-Tremblay match which will be held in that city next Monday. They will return the following day for on Wednesday Jackson meets Ladue at Associate hall.

Ladue has written his manager to the effect that he is in fine shape and doing well under the direction of Harvey Parker and says he will surely defeat Jackson.

Jackson has been in town for the past few days and is in fine shape. He does not talk much about his matches but says he would like to get on a match with Jackson as he thinks he can defeat the "little demon".

BOXING GOSSIP

Michael Doherty, the baseball player of New Haven, who was last year captain-manager of the Albany nine, is now assisting William Dole as boxing instructor at the Yale gym. He formerly played in the New England league.

Peter Maher, once regarded as a possible champion of the world, is down and out financially and will soon have a benefit in Philadelphia. Maher has earned close to $100,000 in the ring yet, like John L. Sullivan, he has let it slip through his fingers. Maher was a wonderful puncher in his time and had many of the big fellows scared. When he knocked poor old Steve O'Donnell out in one wallop over at Maspeth, James J. Corbett leaped into the ring and presented the championship to the Irishman, but of course, this wild declaration did not go, for Corbet, according to precedent, had no right to give such an honor to anybody, unless by default. Maher was always accused of possessing a yellow streak and even Mike Morrissey, who never knew what a fight meant, had him frightened before Peter entered the ring. Friends tried to reassure Maher that Morrissey was a mark, but he insisted upon getting away with a pint of whiskey before he said his courage was properly keyed up for the mill, which lasted eleven seconds.

Since Joe Gans got a severe trimming from Jimmy Britt, he has lost confidence in himself and has just refused a match with Willie Fitzgerald in St. Louis. Fighters, like other people, grow old, and Gans is not an exception. He has a remarkable record at that and is one of the best boxers that ever stepped through the ropes.

Robert Bryant residing at 64 Rock street, sustained a severe laceration of his left thumb while using a knife yesterday. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where five stitches were taken in the wound.

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AUGUST BELMONT

Elected President of Civic Federation

CARNEGIE'S SPEECH READ TO DELEGATES

John Mitchell Speaks For Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—August Belmont was last night elected president of the National Civic Federation to succeed the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The election took place at the dinner of the National Civic Federation which was held at the Park avenue hotel.

The dinner was attended by 270 members of the federation. Samuel Gompers acted as toastmaster. He described the growth of the civic federation and attributed it to the growth of other institutions in this country.

Mr. Gompers said that labor had found out through the civic federation that employers are not the "modern monsters" which they used to picture them in the past. He said he welcomed, advisedly, for labor which he represented, the organizations of employers.

When Mr. Gompers, in announcing Mr. Carnegie's indisposition kept him away, wished for a speedy recovery and improved health for the iron master, there was much applause.

He then introduced Ralph M. Easley, who read Mr. Carnegie's address.

Notable paragraphs in Mr. Carnegie's address were:

"It were idle to expect that differences between buyer and seller and labor will not arise, for those characterize every kind of exchange.

What the Civic federation should aim at is that strikes or lockouts should be prevented, and for these I can see no cure so effective as a trade agreement providing for arbitration, after every effort has been exhausted to settle the difference by the employer and his men themselves, as friends cooperating in a vast enterprise to whose success both must contribute, and in the prosecution of which capital and labor are not foes but allies."

Archbishop Ireland spoke briefly.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, spoke briefly on the labor situation.

"I believe it is better to talk for a week than to strike for a year," he said.

"I hope that the time will never come when men will cease to strike. I believe the best way to establish peace is to fight. But I don't believe that strikes, lockouts, blacklists or boycott should ever be allowed where there is a chance for peace."

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DRACUT OFFICER

SAID GREEK BOY FIRED TWO HUNDRED SHOT IN HIM.

The trial of James Pappas, a Greek boy, charged with assault with intent to murder Constable Cutter of Dracut last October, when he tried to arrest him and Georgios Lagarcos for shooting robins, began yesterday in the superior court at Cambridge. Lagarcos failed to appear. Constable Cutter told of going with his hired man into the woods back of his house after robin hunters. He found the two Greeks with shotguns. While his man attempted to disarm Pappas, Lagarcos fired, and the constable alleged that he received about 200 shot in his legs.

The constable called out to Lagarcos, "If you fire again I'll blow his head off," meaning the boy Pappas. On cross examination Constable Cutter said that the arrest had been the first he had made in a year; also that he got a fee for every arrest. The trial of Pappas will be continued today.

HELD RECEPTION

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ATTENDED PRAYER MEETING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt attended the prayer meeting at the Grace Reformed church of which he is a member, last night, and at the conclusion of the service he made a short address and held an informal reception, shaking hands with all the members of the church and Sunday school present. Some time ago the president expressed to the pastor, Rev. J. M. Schick, his desire to meet his fellow members of the church and last night was set for the occasion, the pastor sending out invitations to all members to be present. As a result the edifice was filled to overflowing. The president was unattended save by his colored valet.

THREE MISSING

MEN LEFT NASHUA ON A HUNTING TRIP.

NASHUA, N. H., Dec. 16.—The local Polish colony was stirred up yesterday by a report that three men, John Shuta, aged 30; Stanilas Bertig, aged 30; and Joseph Bertig, aged 20, had been missing since Tuesday. It is reported that the men left Nashua for the town of Pelham Tuesday on a gunning trip. No explanation for their continued absence is offered. One of the men has a wife and three children in this city, and she is greatly alarmed.

CUT HIS THROAT

MAN FIRST CURSED HIS DIVORCED WIFE.

SALT LAKE CITY, U., Dec. 16.—Hurling a curse at his divorced wife, J. W. Carroll cut his throat with a razor in police court last evening and fell dead almost at the woman's feet, while blood gushed over court officers, records, tables and the floor.

Carroll was arrested Wednesday on complaint of his wife, who charged him with using abusive language. The wife was just leaving the witness stand when the judge asked Carroll if he wished to cross-examine the witness.

"Yes," cried Carroll, rushing toward the witness with bitter curses and levelling his finger at the woman. "I told you what I'd do."

Carroll annoyed her by calling at the from his coat sleeve and savagely slashed his throat. Mrs. Carroll fainted.

Carroll was a teamster, 35 years old. The woman got a divorce last May, but aCrroll annoyed hir by calling at the house when intoxicated and cursing and beating her and the children.

BOSTON & NORTHERN

WON THE VERDICT IN A SUIT FOR $30,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A first session jury in the Middlesex superior court yesterday returned a verdict for the defendant in the case of Ernest L. Sargent, who sued the Boston & Northern Street Railway company for $30,000 under the employers' liability act. The plaintiff alleged that while employed as an electrician at the Chelsea car shops, Nov. 17, 1902, he was ordered to test a current. Three men stood on a non-conductor. An employe stumbled and made a connection which resulted in the flash that caused the injuries to plaintiff's eyes. The court ordered a verdict for the defendant in the first two counts, which alleged negligence on the part of the defendant, and a defect in the ways, works and machinery. The case was given to a jury on the third count, which alleged that the flash was the result of the negligence of the superintendent, Whipple; Saltonstall.

DOCKYARD CLOSED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 16.—A cable despatch from the British admiralty to the chief naval storekeeper, received yesterday, orders the closing of the Halifax dockyard, which was opened in 1770. The dockyard is the principal imperial property in Halifax and 250 skilled mechanics are employed there. The closing of the dockyard is keenly felt by the employes, many of whom have been there for upwards of 30 years.

BRAND NEW STORY

ENTITLED "ONE YEAR MARRIED OR THE FATAL COAL HOD."

"One Year Married, or the Fatal Coal Hod," says the Manchester Union, is the title of a domestic comedy, one scene of which a few of the police officers were privileged to witness at the local station. The principals, as may easily be imagined were a man and a wife, neither of whom has reached the 25th milestone of life.

This young couple, who, only twelve months ago, stood at the altar and promised as the nuptial knot was tied, to stand by each other through calm and storm, have had an experience such as perhaps, but very few persons have gone through. At least it is more than probable that most little family jolts in the first year of what is supposed to be one long season of bliss, have not reached such serious aspects as have developed in this case.

Now it appears that Mrs. Wife belongs in this city, where her relatives reside. Soon after marriage the couple moved to a Massachusetts city and for a time everything went along as smoothly as could be desired. The cold weather, is appears started the trouble, and also, by the way caused hot tears to run down the cheeks of Mr. Husband and to start his heart heating to such an extent that it nearly broke.

Mrs. Wife and her husband had a spat all over starting a fire in their Massachusetts home, and as a result the better half came home to mother, avowing that she would rather be an old maid than to live with such a hateful being as the other half of what was once a happy family.

Mr. Younghusband was soon on his wife's tracks and came to Manchester, but could not learn on the night of his arrival where her relatives lived. He proceeded to drown his sorrows in the flowing bowl and about 3 o'clock in the morning he was roaming about the streets. He was met by a policeman who inquired what he was doing at that hour in the morning, and he told the policeman that he was going to put up in a nearby hotel. The policeman left him and it was in a short time when he landed on the route of another bluecoat. This policeman did not take any excuse but rang up for the patrol and sent Mr. Hubby in.

At the station the tears came down almost in bucketsfull and he told his sad, sad story of the little family tiff which caused him such a great amount of sorrow. It was, however, only after much persuasion that he gave the cops his tale of woe. From what he said, life was hardly worth living without his wife.

His story was, that the other day he and his wife were about to light a fire at their home. He had put the wood in the stove and had hardly touched a match to it when his wife came up with a hod of coal which she proceeded to dump into the heater. Hubby remonstrated at this, saying that the time to put the coal on was not until the wood was ablaze. The other half of the family insisted that she knew more about attending to the duties incumbent on running a stove and would not budge an inch towards her husband's way of thinking. The husband maintained that his idea was correct but it was no use. Mrs. Wife averring that her word was law.

One word followed another and finally the young woman allowed that it was all off between them and she quit the premises and came to her former home here.

The officers endeavored to soothe the broken spirits of the man but to no avail and he passed a doleful night behind the bars. The officers are now wondering whether or not peace has been declared.

BIG FISH STORY

FOLDED NEWSPAPER FOUND IN SHARK'S STOMACH.

A fish story comes from Bay Chaleur which, if it were not for the subsequent explanation, would be the best on record. As it is, the affair was the cause of no little nervousness among the crew of the schooner concerned.

It appears that on her last trip up the North Shore the schooner Viola, owned by J. Willard Smith of St. John, N. B., and in command of Capt. Cole, was making for a port on Bay Chaleur. The day was a windy one and quite a heavy sea was running. When near Stonehaven a pilot boat put off to the Viola, but owing to the weather it was considered best to beat about the Bay instead of proceeding at once to port.

While the Viola was thus cruising about, a shark appeared astern and after the custom of sharks, exhibited an overwhelming desire to keep close to the vessel. The presence of this fish created a feeling of superstition among some of the crew and finally after about two hours one of the men could stand it no longer. So he took a gun and shot the fish.

The body was hooked and hauled on board. Then it was opened and the crew were thunderstruck to find in the stomach a late issue of a newspaper directed to Capt. Cole. Where did it come from was the question, and some of the men were inclined to the belief that the shark had been engaged by the marine and post office departments to act as special delivery messenger. They did not know what to make of it and would probably have been wondering yet only for the next thing that happened.

This next thing spoils the story. The captain's children were on board the Viola, and had been watching the shark. In childish curiosity they began to throw things over in order to watch the fish swallow the mand among other articles selected was a copy of a newspaper which the captain had received by mail and which he had never opened. That this was thrown over was soon learned and the mystery vanished.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL.

The Baptist Young People's union held a most enjoyable Christmas social last evening at the home of their pastor, Rev. Orville Coats. There was singing by the Jasper sisters, mandolin music by Messrs. Ray Gordon, Harry Swann, Jr., Burnett Sweatt and Lewis Sweatt, Jr. Memory games were introduced and were much enjoyed.

One novel arrangement was the Christmas gift portion of the entertainment. Each attendant at the party brought a gift, and all were deposited in a snowbank in one corner of the dining room. The gifts were numbered and each person present was given a number. Then the parcels from the snowbank were dug out and distributed, according to the numbers and when they were opened there was a fine time. Refreshments were served and a delightful evening was spent by all present.

STEAMER SICILY OVERDUE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 16.—Withy & Co., agents for the steamer Sicily, reported overdue at St. Johns, N. F., have no word of the missing craft. At the office of the line here, it is believed that the steamer has been disabled or blown off her course, and is all right.

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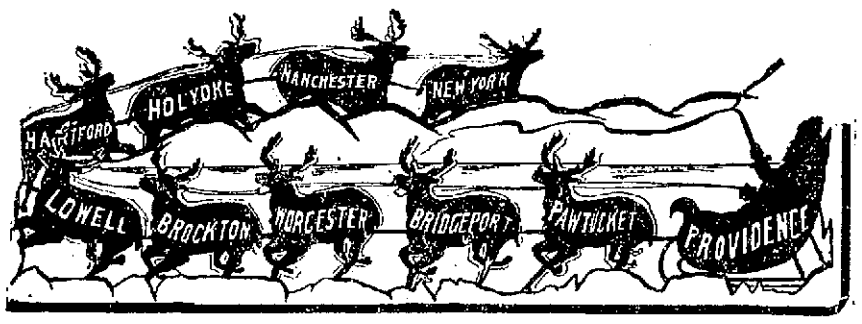

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THREE MEN KILLED

Scalded to Death on Battleship Massachusetts

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16—Caught in a trap and helpless to save themselves, three men lost their lives and four others, including Lieut. William Cole, were horribly scalded yesterday by a rush of steam and boiling water in the fire room of he battleship Massachusetts, lying at the League Island navy yard. The dead:

EDWARD BUB, married, boilermaker and civilian.

ANDREW HAMILTON, married, a boilermaker and civilian.

CHARLES RITZLE, boilermaker's helper, and civilian.

Injured:

Lieut William Cole, U. S. N., assistant chief engineer of the Massachusetts, scalded about the head and body, taken to the naval hospital.

M. Anderson, ship's boilermaker, badly scalded, taken to the naval hospital.

James Wilson, boilermaker's helper and civilian employe, scalded; taken to Methodist hospital.

Joseph A. Doran, boilermaker's helper and civilian, scalded, taken to St. Agnes hospital.

With the exception of Lieut. Cole, all the killed and injured resided in Philadelphia.

Lieut. Cole received his injuries in a heroic effort to rescue the others.

The accident was caused by the giving way of a gasket, or rubber washer, on a boiler on the starboard side of the ship.

The Massachusetts has been at the navy yard for some time undergoing repairs, particularly to the boilers and machinery.

Although the complement of officers and men are aboard the ship the Massachusetts is virtually in charge of the authorities of the navy yard. The boiler of which the accident occurred had recently been cleaned and thoroughly tested, and the boilermakers were today at work on another boiler. Without warning the gasket between the boiler plate and the boilerhead gave way and a terrific rush of steam and hot water occurred. The doors of the fireroom were closed at the time the accident occurred and the only avenue of escape was a safety ladder, only one man, Brambel, a ship's fireman, thought of the ladder and he escaped without a scar. Few of those on the upper decks knew what had happened until the steam came rushing up from below. The work of rescue was prompt and to this promptness, those who escaped death owe their thanks. The first to enter the firehole was Lieut. Cole. Without hesitating at becoming scalded by the hot water and steam, he entered quickly and dragged the men from the place to the door where they were taken in charge by others. Bub and Hamilton were dead when found and Ritzel died a few minutes after being taken on deck. Whether the gasket was defective or whether it had been carelessly put in place, remains for the official court of inquiry to determine. It is said the boiler had been thoroughly overhauled and tested under a tremendous pressure of steam. At the time of the accident the steam pressure was only sufficient to run the ship's heating plant.

The accident will cause little or no delay in preparing the battleship for sea.

Admiral Hickens, commandant of the League Island navy yard, after a preliminary report had been made to him named a board of inquiry, the members of which are:

Captain F. H. Delano, Commander Chauncey Thomas and Surgeon M. F. Gaber.

The board met immediately, but deferred making an inspection of the fire from until the deputy of the coroner of Philadelphia had made his investigation.

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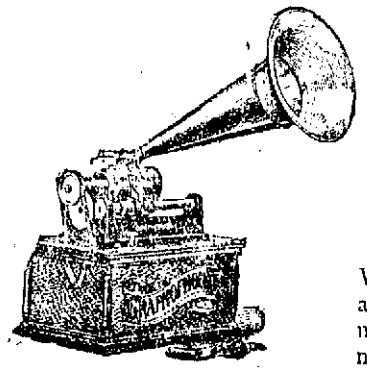

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Ladies' Woolen Hose in plain and ribbed, gray and black, 25c quality. At 19c Pair

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Our line of Boys' Reefers is complete and our prices are low for good, serviceable garments. The season for Reefers has just opened. A good warm Reefers is just what the boys want for skating and play out. We have them from size 3 to 18 yrs. at 98c, $1.49, $1.98 and $3.50

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STOOD BY FRIEND

MICHAEL HORNE PROVED HIS LOYALTY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16.—Michael Horne, a bell-boy at the Hotel Jefferson, departed for Manchester, N. H., yesterday, with Percy Dunbar, and thus gave an exemplification of friendship rarely seen. Horne and Dunbar lived on adjoining farms in New Hampshire. They had heard much of the World's Fair and determined to see it. They arrived here in April and got work at the Hotel Jefferson. Early in June Dunbar was stricken with pneumonia and was sent to the city hospital. His case was considered hopeless and at one time preparations were made for the funeral, the physician saying that Dunbar could not live 10 minutes. Horne sat by the cot all through the crisis.

He believed Dunbar would recover and he did. After remaining in the hospital for more than four months Dunbar was able to depart two weeks ago.

Throughout Dunbar's illness Horne continued at his post, spending his spare moments with his friend. He saved his money and bought two tickets for Manchester. The employes at the hotels Jefferson and Washington, knowing the sacrifices he made for his friend, presented him with a sum of money when he left.

TROUBLE BREWING

CHINESE SOCIETY HAS ISSUED A "DEFI."

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Trouble is brewing in Chinatown and the fourth police are keeping a sharp lookout on the two rival societies, the On Leong Tong and the Hep Sing Tong, both of which are holding excited meetings. Quong Mock returned from New York Wednesday, where he had been in connection with the shooting of an American by mistake during a quarrel among Chinese factions. As soon as he arrived a meeting of the On Leong Tong was called, at the rooms on Harrison avenue, and remained in session from 5 o'clock to 3.45 a. m. Thursday, when over 200 came out of their hall, after a very exciting meeting. Early last evening a bulletin 3 feet by 2 feet was posted at the entrance of their hall which is said to be a "defi" to the Hep Sing Tong, and another meeting was held in their rooms, while the Hep Sing Tongs are also in session at their rooms further up Harrison avenue.

NEW PRIESTS

ORDINATIONS AT HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL TODAY.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—This morning in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross the Christmas ordinations for the archdiocese took place.

The services were begun at 8 o'clock and were conducted by the Right Rev. John Brady, D. D., auxiliary bishop of Boston, assisted by the Very Rev. Daniel E. Maher, S. S., D. D., president of St. John's Theological Seminary; the Very Rev. Francis Havey, S. S., superior of Seminary of Philosophy, and the Rev. John B. Peterson, notary and master of ceremonies. Those ordained were:

Subdeacons—William J. O'Connell, Daniel J. O'Connor, William T. Curry, Walter J. Mitchell.

Deacons—Joseph H. Casey, Joseph A. Curtin, Timothy J. Hurley, John E. Killoy, Alfred J. McDonald, Francis T. Mahoney, Joseph P. Lynch Early, Walter J. Roche.

Priests—John F. Burns, Edward J. Casey, Denis H. Donovan, James F. Hayes, Thomas F. McHugh, Frederic J. Allchin, Edward A. Costello, Edward F. Crowley, James A. Donnelly, William P. Phelan, Edward J. Frahar, Walter Gill, Dennis J. Maguire, Edward P. Murphy, John J. O'Brien, George H. Quigley, William F. Teehig, John F. Walsh, William J. Duffy, James J. Maginnis, Hartford; William T. Walsh, Fall River; John B. Farrell, Springfield.

BOX BALL TOURNEY.

The second game in the box ball series was rolled off last night, the Porcupines and Dromedaries being the contesting teams. From the beginning of the second string until the close of the third the excitement was at fever heat. Tomorrow night the Crocodiles and Buffaloes come together and a red hot contest is expected. The score:

PORCUPINES.

	1	2	3	Ttl
J. MacDonald, Capt.	127	162	115	398
M. Johnston	126	131	127	384
E. Connors	95	91	93	279
A. Patrick	122	124	114	360
C. McHugh	115	98	117	330
Totals	579	606	566	1751

DROMEDARIES.

	1	2	3	Ttl
A. Myrick, Capt.	134	119	153	406
H. McDonald	109	115	110	334
R. Bixby	123	110	100	333
F. L. Cindy	77	101	104	282
W. H. Quinlan	141	134	129	384
Totals	584	579	596	1739

Spares—J. McDonald 2, Quinlan 2, Myrick and Johnston.

COLONEL GREENE

Says Lawson Cost Him $4,143,328.17

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—With "Arizona Jim" Goodman locked up in the tombs, Col. William C. Greene, president of the Greene consolidated copper company, went about town yesterday without an armed bodyguard, heedless of shouts of defiance from Thomas W. Lawson, away off in Boston.

He was told by Judge Foster of general sessions that he would have to make good his charges against Goodman or the latter would be turned loose.

Late in the day, therefore, affidavits were filed with Judge Foster, all going to show more or less that the life of the colonel was in danger with Goodman at large, by the colonel, his counsel, Col. Martin, by former controller Coler and by A. M. A. Richardson, a stockholder in the Greene consolidated. The contents of the affidavits were not disclosed. It is probable that Goodman will have to remain in the tombs until Monday at least.

Col. Greene on Tuesday said that Lawson had cost him in two days $1,500,000. Yesterday he lifted the amount to $2,000,000 ,today he raised it to $4,143,328.17. Producing a list of figures, he said today:

"I have within the last two days paid $4,143,328.17 to cover the break in our stock, and I have $5,000,000 to back it up if necessary. Should Greene copper go to 40 tomorrow, I would have a profit of $9,000,000. Every share I have in the market is protected, and will be protected, no matter what Lawson says or does.

"Even if he sent it down under 19, it will be taken care of."

It was reported and credited, in well-informed circles today that the Standard oil interests in Amalgamated copper had taken advantage of the slump to buy large blocks of Greene copper. This was denied by the colonel.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Branch St. Louis, Artisans Canadiens Francais, held its election of officers last evening, the following being the officers elected:

Chaplain, Rev. J. N. Jacques; representative of the executive council, Maxime Lepine of L'Etoile; president, J. Adelard Gauthier; first vice president, Elphege Beaudet; second vice president, Alphonse Dalphond; financial secretary, J. S. Aubin; sergeant-at-arms, first, Eudoviste Barrette, second, Pierre Gagnon; censors, Louis Beauregard, Joseph Payette, Godfroy Caron; medical examiner, Dr. A. E. Bertrand.

The annual meeting of Elgin lodge, N. E. O. P., was held last night in Highland hall. Five applications for membership were received. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Warden, Addie E. Soper; vice warden, Mabel E. Chapman; financial secretary, Carrie E. Buxton; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Bowen; secretary, Mrs. Hattie E. Burrows; chaplain, Mary E. Chapman; guide, Leo W. Chase; guardian, John C. Buxton; sentinel, Walter H. Parsons; trustee for three years, Caleb L. Smith.

For the good of the order there were entertainment numbers by Mrs. E. J. Bowen, William Bowen and Russell Fox, and remarks by Messrs. Bateman, Frye and Gordon.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Charitable society of the Eliot Congregational church took place in the vestry of the church last evening and the following officers were elected: Mrs. George Holden, president; Mrs. L. A. Olney, vice president; Mrs. W. J. Blake, treasurer; Miss Anna Peavy, secretary; board of directors, Mesdames Mary Hamblett, Anna Jordan, Fred Kelsey, F. L. Kimball, William Ross, Arthur Parker, Amos Hill, F. S. Cass, John Graham, L. S. Proctor.

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LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Barnard Itzkowitz to Charles Daggett, dated April 22nd, 1903 and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 354, Page 212, will be sold at public auction upon the premises in Chelmsford on Saturday, the 31st day of December, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely: A certain lot of land situated in Chelmsford aforesaid in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing ninety and 47-100 acres, with the buildings thereon and the mill privilege and water power thereto appurtenant and belonging and being all the same land, mill privilege and water power conveyed to Edwin Lincoln Russell by Abbott Russell by deed dated August 5th, A. D. 1886, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 240, Page 160, to which deed reference is hereby made for a particular description of the land and rights therein conveyed. Also a certain other parcel of land situated in said Chelmsford containing four and 36-100 acres, and called the "Meadow" and being the same land conveyed to the said E. Lincoln Russell by Luther C. Upham, Trustee by deed dated July 23rd A. D. 1897, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 221, Page 508, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Also another certain parcel of woodland situated in the southeasterly part of said Chelmsford on the southerly side of the road leading to Russell's Mills, containing one acre and being the same premises conveyed to the said E. Lincoln Russell by Mary Sweetser by deed dated November 24th, A. D. 1891, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 241, Page 228, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Also a certain other parcel of land situated in the southeasterly part of said Chelmsford containing one and one-half acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to the said E. Lincoln Russell by Adeline P. Spalding by deed dated October 30th A. D. 1890, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 221, Page 114, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Also a certain lot of land situated in the southeasterly part of said Chelmsford known as the "Mill Pond Lot" containing twenty acres and fifty-eight square rods, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to said E. Lincoln Russell by John S. Shedd by deed dated October 13th, A. D. 1890, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 221, Page 115, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot. Also a certain parcel of land situated in said Chelmsford, containing six acres, more or less, known as the "Salathiel Adams Meadow" and being the same land conveyed to said E. Lincoln Russell by Mary A. Duren by deed dated August 4th, A. D. 1894, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 257, Page 362 to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Also a certain lot of land situated in said Chelmsford containing ten acres, more or less, located on the Boston Road, so-called, and being the same land conveyed to said E. Lincoln Russell by the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, by deed dated April 12th A. D. 1899, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1901, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Also a certain other tract of wood-land containing thirty-six acres and one hundred thirty-three square rods, situated in Billerica, in said County of Middlesex and being the same premises conveyed to said E. Lincoln Russell, by Julia E. Warren by deed dated April 26th, A. D. 1898, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 300, Page 359, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Also a certain parcel of wood-land situated in said Billerica, containing twelve acres, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said E. Lincoln Russell by Henry Durch by deed dated February 18th, A. D. 1893, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 241, Page 230, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Saying and excepting from said conveyance a certain tract of land with the buildings thereon conveyed to Arthur M. Warren by said Charles Daggett by deed dated July 20th, A. D. 1902, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 345, Page 201, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Being the same premises conveyed to the said Barnard Itzkowitz by the said Charles Daggett by deed dated April 22nd, 1903, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds.

Terms at sale.

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FOR SALE—Hotel for sale, Bridgeport, Conn.; city eighty thousand; lease three years; thirty rooms, parlor and bar-room; steam heat, electric light and gas. Rent one hundred and thirty. New license price four thousand dollars. Address Hugh Macklinon, Hotel Emerson, Bridgeport, Conn.

FOR SALE—On Rogers street, Belvidere, two story, ten room house with bath and pantry and seven thousand feet of land all fenced in. Smith & Cavanaugh, Donovan building, Central st.

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TO LET—Convenient locality 10-room house, furnace heat, all improvements, a pleasant street, could let rooms. Apply Charles M. Erskine, room 32, Hildreth Building.

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TO LET—12 room house near Shaw Stocking Co., fine location for boarders, rent reasonable. Apply to H. A. Wright, 10 Barristers' Hall.

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TO LET—Fine modern residence, 60 Sheldon street. Eight rooms, hot and cold water, cemented cellar floor and all latest improvements. Apply M. O'Donnell, St. James Hotel.

TO LET—Very convenient front and side room, single or otherwise, modern conveniences, reasonable to respectable parties. 271 Gorham st. opp. Court House.

TO LET—A finely appointed flat, 230 Liberty st. Everything new, large rooms, open plumbing, steam heat. On line of street cars. Inquire at 241 Liberty st.

TO LET—6 beautiful flats, with bath room and hot and cold water in the New Nolan Block at the junction of Central and Chapel sts. Everything in first class order, for further particulars inquire of John Nolan, 844 Central st.

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WANTED—A young man who can sell and deliver kindling wood, no other need apply, good pay, steady work. Inquire at Sun Office.

WANTED—An experienced kitchen girl, 20-21 Boott Corp. Mrs. Osgood.

ANY intelligent person may earn $10 to $15 weekly in spare time corresponding for newspapers. No canvassing. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—An all around girl in boarding house, 726 Suffolk st.

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LOST—Wrist bag on Haverhill car for Lawrence, Monday; left Haverhill at 2.30. Finder will receive liberal reward by leaving same at Telegram Office, Lawrence, Mass.

LOST—A gent's seal skin glove between Branch st. Engine House and voting Booth in Branch st. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Highland Laundry.

LOST—A pocketbook yesterday somewhere between Mercier Hotel Lakeview or at Willow Dale entrance. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Sun Office.

LOST—A string of gold beads, Tuesday afternoon. Reward offered at 213 Pawtucket st.

FOUND—A bank book. Inquire of M. H. Kelly, 137 Willie st.

LOST—A ten dollar bill in Pollard's store, Sat., Dec. 10th. Reward at 97 Durant st.

LOST On Tuesday, Dec. 13, between Congress Ave., and voting Booth on Lincoln st. an ebony cane with silver handle, with owner's name. Please leave at 23 Congress Ave. and get reward. A. G. Swan.

LOST—Nov. 26, a pair of brown rosary beads with large medal attached. Return to 49 Bartlett st.

LOST—Wednesday evening, between Prescott hall and Central st. a large red agate stone brooch. Suitable reward paid on return to Carter & Sherburne's drug store.

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SITUATION WANTED—By a Swede girl to do general housework. Call at 18 Manchester pl.

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HOSMER ELECTED

Battle For Fire Chief is Concluded

At Special Meeting of Aldermen---Fred H. Rourke's Election as Alderman Declared—Stackpole Confirmed For Asst. Chief--Chadwick Elected Sinking Fund Commissioner

The board of aldermen met last evening in special session for the purpose of canvassing election returns, and the figures showed two errors which when corrected changed the entire aldermanic situation by electing Fred H. Rourke over Andrew Livingston by a majority of 31 votes.

There was a big gathering of politicians at the meeting, drawn there by the report that Mr. Rourke had won.

The call under which the members were brought together was an open one, permitting the transaction of any business that might come up and as a result the board elected Edward F. Hosmer chief of the fire department for the unexpired term, confirmed the mayor's appointment of Charles Stackpole as assistant chief and elected Austin K. Chadwick, a member of the sinking fund commissioners.

Chairman Miskella called to order at 8.45 and the nine members were present.

City Clerk Dadman immediately arose and addressed the board calling attention to the fact that errors had been made in counting in precinct three of ward three and precinct two of ward four. In the former Mr. Andrew Livingston was credited with 471 votes when he should have been credited with 411 and in the latter Mr. Fred H. Rourke was credited with 327 votes when he should have received 357 votes.

Clerk Dadman read the law in relation to errors in election returns and stated that in accordance with the law he had notified the wardens and clerks in the two precincts to be present and correct the errors. From ward three, Warden Thomas P. Donohue and Clerk Frank Peabody appeared and rectified the error at once as did Warden John R. McNally and Clerk John H. Rogers of the ward four precinct. When they had presented supplementary reports Mr. Rourke was formally declared elected.

Chairman Miskella started to read a sewer resolution and Alderman Hill immediately arose and moved that the mayor's appointment of Chas. Stackpole be taken from the table. Confirmation was called for on a yea and nay vote. Several said "yea" and Chairman Miskella alone said "nay," and the appointment was confirmed.

A ballot was taken for a member of the sinking fund commission and Austin K. Chadwick was the unanimous choice in concurrence with the common council.

Alderman Gallagher then moved that a ballot be taken for chief of the fire department for the balance of the term.

Chief Edward F. Hosmer received the entire nine votes and was declared elected in concurrence.

Adjourned at 9.15 on motion of Alderman Carmichael.

SOCIALIST VOTE

FIGURES SHOW THAT IT IS STILL INSIGNIFICANT.

The Wall Street Journal says: An extraordinary outcome of the election was a great falling off in the total democratic vote. Bryan polled 6,650,000 votes in 1896, while Parker in 1904 polled only a little more than 5,000,000. This is a loss of more than 27 per cent. in the democratic vote in eight years. In the same time the republican vote increased from 7,100,000 to 7,600,000, or about 6 per cent. the republican gain being only about one-third of the democratic loss. It is fair to assume that a large proportion of the voters who did not go to the polls and a large proportion of the votes cast this year for minor candidates were the votes of dissatisfied democrats.

Viewed from this standpoint, the following table, showing the percentages of the popular vote of the past three elections cast by the republican, democratic, prohibition, socialist and populist parties, is of interest:

	Percentage of Popular Vote		
	1904	1900	1896
Republican	56.4	51.7	51.0
Democratic	38.4	45.5	46.7
Prohibition	1.8	1.4	1.0
Socialist	2.1	0.9	0.2
Populist	0.8	0.3	

Since 1896 the republican vote has increased 6.1 per cent., the prohibition has increased 57.8 per cent., the socialist has increased 1050.3 per cent., and the democratic has decreased 21.6 per cent. These percentages make a comparison very gratifying to the socialist party, but it must be remembered that the socialist percentage of gain is based upon a very small aggregate vote. The total socialist vote in 1896, 1900 and 1904, being the aggregate of the votes cast for both the socialist and socialist labor parties, was as follows:

1896	36,274
1900	127,553
1904	428,376

Of the total socialist vote in 1904, all but about 33,000 were cast for Debs, whose vote increased from 87,000 in 1900 to more than 392,000 in 1904. The states in which the socialist vote was heaviest were as follows, comparisons being made also with the socialist vote in those states in 1896 and 1900:

	1904	1900	1896
Illinois	73,993	11,069	1,347
Ohio	39,893	6,855	1,167
New York	45,801	25,491	17,667
California	29,535	7,554	1,631
Wisconsin	28,443	7,589	1,314

These figures show how remarkable has been the increase in the socialist vote especially in Illinois and Ohio and Wisconsin—states located in the great conservative Middle West. Five states cast 50 per cent. of the socialist vote in 1904 and 46 per cent. in 1900.

Senator Hanna is reported to have said before his death that the next great issue before this country would be socialism, but even admitting that the increase in the socialist vote since 1896 means an actual growth in genuine socialism, and is not in part a mere expression of democratic dissatisfaction with the control of that party, there is little ground as yet for apprehension. Socialism as a party will have to cast a much larger vote than it did this year in order to become a vital issue in politics.

Several times in the history of this country a side party has arisen, and in one or two presidential elections has cast a large vote, only to die out quickly. As late as 1892, Weaver, candidate of the populist party, received over 1,000,00 votes for president, while Watson this year polled only 124,000. It may be said that the bulk of the populist vote has in that time gone over to the democratic party, and that is undoubtedly true; and in this fact may be found what is most significant in the socialistic movement. While socialism as a distinct party movement has not, in spite of its growth, yet become an important issue, there is unquestionably a large growth of socialistic sentiment in the other parties.

There is a large faction in the democratic party whose drift is distinctly toward socialism. Mr. Watson's candidacy was socialistic in character. There is even some socialism in the republican party.

If there is any occasion for alarm regarding socialism, it lies in the possibility that these various scraps of socialistic sentiment now lying around loose in several parties may some day be gathered together into a compact political machine. At present there are socialists and socialists, and no two think exactly alike in regard to the principles which they advocate, and there is a wide difference in the ends sought and the methods to be employed.

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M. T. I. SINGING CLUB

MAKING GREAT PROGRESS WITH ITS WORK.

The singing club of the Mathew Temperance Institute held a most successful rehearsal at the society rooms last evening with a very large number of members present. James A. Murphy directed the singing and the results are highly satisfactory to him. Since entering on its second regular season the club has made great progress in its chosen line and the future of the organization looks bright.

A meeting and social of the Isabella table, K. of C. carnival, has been called for tonight at the rooms.

This is the time to buy coat. See Fred H. Rourke 984 Gorham street.

HOVEY'S CONCERT

LARGE ATTENDANCE ENJOYED THE MUSICAL EVENT.

There was a large attendance at the complimentary concert given by the banjo, mandolin and guitar pupils of Mr. William P. Hovey at Odd Fellows' hall in Middlesex street last evening. The program was varied and one of the best that has ever been given by Mr. Hovey's pupils. Each and every number was carried out in a capable manner, demonstrating the teaching ability of Mr. Hovey and the successful work of his pupils. The following was the program:

Young people's orchestra. Mandolins—Beatrice Chaput, Edith Chadwick, Ethel Holden, Rose Roussell, Harry Brown, Percy Munn. Banjos—Viola Merrill, Zoella Swanton, Mabel McManus, Joseph Duvanue. Guitars—Martha Bodnar.

Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar Club. Mandolins—Lillian Conley, Emma Houle, Annie M. Wood, Alice Devine. Guitars—Regina Roussell, Oda Defue, Helen Charlton.

Spindle City Wheelmen club: Mandolins—C. C. Tinker, Fred McDermott, Herbert Riddick. Banjos—Thomas Doyle, Alexander Delario, S. L. Foster. Piano—Percy Kingsbury.

Schottische, "Darkies' Delight," Weidt
Young People's orchestra.

Guitar duet—Caprice, "Dance of the Shadows," Babb
Miss Regina Roussell, W. P. Hovey.

"Selection from Raymond," Thomas
"The Palms," Faure
Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar club.

Mandolin solo—Reverie, "The Parting," Farrand
Miss Beatrice Chaput.

Spindle City Wheelmen club—Umskie band
C. C. Tinker, leader.

"Elephants Promenade, (a too ticklers) Saunders
Song, "Lindy," Allen
Young People's orchestra.

Banjo duet, "Nellie Grey," varied arr Lansing
Miss Blanche McKeon, W. P. Hovey.

Metra Serenade, Metra
Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar club.

Mandolin solo, March, "Characteristic," Eno
Master Percy Munn.

March, "Red Rover," Weidt
Young People's orchestra.

WANTED FOR FORGERY.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16.—George Davis, alias Williams, was arrested here yesterday charged with being a fugitive from justice from Newark, N. J., where he is said to be wanted for forgery. He was held in court until Dec. 27, by which time requisition papers are expected to arrive. Upon the confession of Louise Williams in Newark, N. J., Wednesday that her brother had compelled her to forge and cash checks, the local police were notified and arrested Davis at the home of his sister.

CHRISTMAS SALE

AT THE WORTHEN STREET M. E. CHURCH.

The Junior Epworth Leagues of Worthen street M. E. church held a well patronized and successful Christmas sale last evening at the parsonage in Kirk street.

The fancy table was in charge of Miss Gertrude Brady and had upon it many pretty and useful things that the young girls of the society had made. In ages, these young ladies range from 7 to 16 years.

Mrs. Brady managed the candy counter, and she was assisted by the Misses Stella Wilson, May Irvine, Pauline and Alice Kidder.

Miss Rachel Jones and Miss Elsie Nichols had the food table in charge. The calendar table was presided over by Miss Fannie Irvine, and many of the calendar designs were the product of Miss Gertrude Brady's brush.

Mrs. M. L. Fuller had charge of the refreshments. An entertainment was provided by Miss May Quimby and was as follows: "Welcome to the Junior Leaguers," Ethel Hayes and Fannie Irvine; reading, Miss Geneva Coggins; piano duet, the Misses Gertrude Brady and Susie Green; recitation, Gertrude Brady; singing by members of the league.

Oriental Bazaar, opposite Kirk st.

SWEEPING VICTORY

LIBERALS WON IN THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 16.—The bye-elections in Nova Scotia yesterday for the provincial legislature resulted in another sweeping victory for the liberals. In the seven counties where elections were held all liberals were returned.

The conservatives attempted to show that the sweeping liberal victory on Nov. 3 was won by corrupt means, but the contests of yesterday, fought on the same lines, show that Nova Scotia is strongly liberal. The standing of the parties is 36 liberals and two conservatives.

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PASTOR APPOINTED.

BOSTON, Dec. 15—Announcement was made yesterday that Archbishop Williams had created a new parish at Beverly Farms and assigned to its pastorate the Rev. Fr. John J. Downey, head of the Working Boys' Home, Boston, and its affiliated institution, St. John's Industrial school, Newton. The new parish is the result of a division of the parish in Beverly.

WESTFORD.

Tonight Westford will again hold a silver medal contest at the town hall, but this time it will be a double contest.

The contestants are well known young people. The judges will all be from out of town and each contestant will be known to them only by number. Below we give the program:

Piano Solo.
Prayer, Rev. C. C. P. Hiller
Song, "The Swallows" Mrs. Hiller
An Incident of The Crusade Lucy T. Lambert
The Child Messenger, Georgia C. Lang
Music.
Taken By Surprise, A. Luella Wright
The Price of a Drink, Stella Curkin
Song.
Sam's Little Girl, Ellie M. Bennett
Poorhouse Nan, Mattie E. Symmes
Music.
The Cry of Today, Arthur E. Hildreth
Temptation, Roscoe Moran
Song.
The Calves Path, Howard Ferguson
Yes I Am Guilty, Ralph A. Shaw
Frank Shugrue
The Deacon's Match Louis Jenkins
A Stray Sunbeam, D. Richard Connell
Song, "The Hills O'Lyke" Mrs. Hiller
Music.

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We carry the largest line of Gloves, including novelties and staples of any one in the city. We give away free a dainty box with each pair of Gloves purchased here.

CLEMENTINA KID GLOVES—Over seam, two clasps, in black, English tan, brown, mode, gray, pearl and white...$1.00 per Pair Boxed
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"FOWNE'S" MARGUERITE GLOVES—In mode, pearl, white and fawn...$1.25 per Pair
NEW DRIVING GLOVES—In English tans and black, $1.50 per Pair
MOCHA LINED GLOVES—In grey, regular $1.50 quality, $1.00 per Pair
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High grade warranted Umbrellas, with durable covers and latest designs in sterling mounted and natural wood handles, boxed, for men, women and children.

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Large size, jointed Dolls...$1.25 to $1.98 Each

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Large size, semi-dressed...49c
Extra large sizes, blondes and brunettes...75c to $1.00
Rubber Dolls...10c to 25c

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Pleasure Series, Illustrated...5c Vol.
Cosy Corner, Illustrated...5c Vol.
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Little Pet Series, Illustrated...10c Vol.
Little Worker Series, Illustrated...10c Vol.
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ROURKE GETS IN

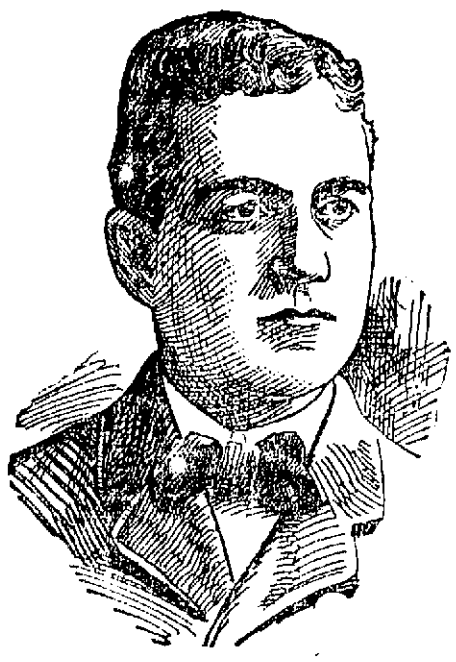
Several Errors Detected in Aldermanic Contest

Several Totals Changed by Corrections — Mayor-Elect Casey Takes a Rest—Other Political Notes of Interest

Fred H. Rourke is the ninth alderman with a majority of 31 votes and Andrew Livingston, the deposed ninth alderman, has called for a general recount with Rourke 31 votes ahead of him and Edward D. McVey 71 votes behind him.

The recount will be a most interesting one as many believe it will result not only in verifying Mr. Rourke's election, but will also pull in Mr. McVey.

Mr. Livingston was at city hall last evening and took his defeat philosophically. It is said he had entertained a good few friends the night previous to honor of his election, having accepted the first figures implicitly.



FRED H. ROURKE, THE NINTH ALDERMAN.

On election night when the returns were read at city hall the totals only were read as the wardens and clerks had written them and there was no time to go behind the general totals and find if they agreed with the ward figures. Since then the city clerk has examined the figures more closely and has discovered errors of addition in wards 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7, though outside of Mr. Rourke's case the result was not changed materially. Mr. McVey made a gain of 30 votes and for this reason the democrats are hopeful in the case of another recount.

Alderman Carmichael gained one vote in precinct 3 of ward 7 and Alderman Fairweather gained 10. This leaves Alderman Carmichael still high man but only one vote ahead of Alderman Fairweather.

Among other corrections ofe the following: Gallagher gains 23 in precinct 2 of ward 2 and loses 10 in precinct 3 of ward 7; Stowell loses 40 in precinct 2 of ward 2, and gains 100 in precinct 2 of ward 6; Grant gains 30 in precinct 3 of ward 3; Livingston loses 30 in precinct 3 of ward 3; Rourke gains 30 in precinct 2 of ward 4; Carmichael gains 1 in precinct 3 of ward 7; Cosgrove gains 10 in precinct 3 of ward 2; Fairweather gains 10 in precinct 3 of ward 7.

The corrected total vote for aldermen follows:

Carmichael D	7237
Fairweather R	7236
Allen R	6970
Grant R	6893
Braden R	6871
Hayes R	6870
Cosgrove D	6807
Walker R	6714
Rourke D	6690
Livingston R	6559
McVey D	6488
Gallagher D	6414
Taylor R	6394
Hilliard R	6236
Robinson D	6128
Porter D	5935
Welch D	5871
Stowell D	5651

POLITICAL NOTES.

By the election of John W. Daly, a democrat to the common council in ward nine, making the common council republican 17 to 10, the republicans lose a two-thirds vote in concurrence and cannot redistrict the city. The board of aldermen has a two-thirds majority republican, 6 to 3, but the joint convention lacks one of a two-thirds vote.

There are three candidates for chairman of the board of aldermen, Aldermen Fairweather, Grant and Allen, and they promise a lively contest. With three of them contesting the three democratic votes will come in mighty handy.

Mayor-elect Casey has sent the following letter to Mr. Hill:

Alderman James G. Hill.

My Dear Sir: Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind letter of congratulation. It is gratifying to me to know that in the contest just closed there occurred nothing that would lessen the personal friendship that exists between us.

That your future may be one of prosperity and happiness is my sincere wish.

Very Sincerely Yours,
JAMES B. CASEY.

Now that Chief Hosmer has been elected and Assistant Chief Stackpole confirmed it is probable that the chief will speedily call a meeting of the board of engineers. There are some appointments to be confirmed and several to be made, and the engineers, though the rule calls for a meeting every month, have not transacted any important business for nearly a year.

John F. McCoy will be a candidate for chairman of the overseers of the poor.

Mayor-elect Casey has gone out of town for a much needed rest and will be gone until Christmas. The rigors of the campaign completely fatigued him, and he is badly in need of a rest.

Mayor Lynch of Lawrence received the following letter of congratulation Thursday from Mayor-elect Casey:

"Please accept my sincere congratulations on your re-election. It is a good endorsement of your administration, and it is my earnest wish that your term in office may be one of unqualified success."

Edward Gallagher has resigned as a member of the ward five democratic committee and the vacancy has been filled by the election of William J. McCluskey. Mr. McCluskey has announced his candidacy for the chairmanship of the committee. The other candidates are Thomas J. Gallagher and James Hearn and all three are out for the infusion of new life into the committee.

Councilmen William H. Dodge of ward eight and Edmund Cheney of ward three are among the candidates for president of the common council.

NO GREEK POLITICAL CLUB.

Editor of The Sun: I saw in a morning paper that the Greek voters have organized a political club and that at a meeting a few days ago decided to support Mr. Hill for mayor. Now, I have no doubt that some of the Greek voters did help Mr. Hill, but the majority of them voted for Mr. Casey, including many of them who voted the republican ticket at the national election. But what I want to say is that the Greek voters have not organized a political club and will not do so until next Sunday when they will have a meeting called for that purpose. Plans will be discussed and at the meeting on the following Sunday officers will be elected. It is our intention to encourage naturalization among the Greeks who are eligible so that by next year we will have 200 voters on the list.

Instead of being affiliated with any particular party it will be our aim to do all possible on naturalization and then let the men select their own party. At present we have no club and we are beginning to think from the report in the morning paper that some unauthorized person had attempted to "deliver" the Greek vote and failed.

A GREEK VOTER AND BUSINESSMAN.

$70,000 SHORTAGE

FOUND ON THE BOOKS IN PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 16.—Chester Murr of Gloucester, the expert accountant who has been engaged for three months going over the books and accounts of the city, has his report nearly ready to be presented.

It is said that he has found a shortage of over $70,000 in the past 10 years. He found that the principal shortage was on the notes which had been given for loans, and in many cases the old notes were given for new loans, and no record kept of the matter.

The accounts of but few years have been found to square up properly, and a careless method of book-keeping was evident.

There is no intimation that any official has been falsifying his accounts, but the report is expected to be the sensation of the year.

LOLLY POPS AT THE CASTO.

Tomorrow is lolly pop day at the Casto, and the theatre will be far too small to hold the crowds who will attempt to enter. Manager Haynes will present to every person purchasing a ticket the latest craze, a lolly pop. It is a wonderful novelty, and is appreciated by all. The current program is one that will appeal to the school children. It is headed by Frederick Bond and Company in their delightful comedy, "My Awful Dad," which is exceedingly funny. Mudge and Morton, in their melange of music and song, present a delightful act which all should see, and Wood and Ray offer a screamingly funny comedy entitled "A Funny Bunch of Nonsense." Reserved seats can be ordered by telephone, 815-3.

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Visit our Petticoat department with its special fitting room. Hundreds of styles in every material and at every price.

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We are showing some pretty Christmas gifts in Hosiery.

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Warm Gloves, Squirrel lined, wool lined or unlined.	25c to $4.50
Nobby Umbrellas, some new effects in handles—for men and women	$1.00 to $7.00
Silk Suspenders, the sensible, serviceable kinds—in single boxes	50c to $2.00 a pair
Handkerchiefs, linen, lawn, silk, plain or with neat initial	5c to $1.00
Suit Cases and Leather Bags, leatherette, sheepskin or cowhide, initials marked free	$1.50 to $10.00
Silk Mufflers	50c to $3
Dress Shields	$1 to $3
Sweaters	$1 to $5
Arm Elastics	15c to $1 pair
Seal Caps (pieced)	$4
Fancy Vests	$1 to $4
Night Robes	50c to $1.50
Pajamas	$1 to $3
Fancy Shirts	$1 to $3
Fancy Hose	25c to 50c
Cuff Buttons	25c to $2
Scarf Pins	25c to $2

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THE MORMON OATH

Witness Says He Regarded It as Sacred

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—August J. Lundstrom was re-called for cross examination when the Senator Smoot investigation was resumed today before the senate committee on privileges and elections. Attorney Van Cott for Senator Smoot, asked the witness if he had ever considered the obligations taken in the temple as a huge joke.

"I always regarded the oaths as sacred," he said.

Then he declared that men cannot pass through the temples to take endowments for women.

Mr. Lundstrom again gave to the committee the oath of vengeance, etc.

The oath was as given by Mr. Wallis. The witness told of the penalties of mutilation, prescribed for revealing the tokens or violating the covenant. The whole congregation passing through the temple repeated in the first person the obligation and penalties and executed the signs accompanying them.

Lectures were delivered by the witness at the Swedish-Lutheran church, in which he gave his reasons for leaving the church.

"Were you ever taken to task for your statements?" asked Senator Dubois.

"Well, the officials of the church called me a 'liar'," said Mr. Lundstrom.

He was asked if he had ever married in polygamy.

"Only in a way," he replied.

"Have you had a plural wife?"

"Yes sir."

Then he explained that a dead woman had been sealed to him for eternity but that he had never lived with but one wife. John Nicholson, the chief recorder of the Mormon Temple at Salt Lake was sworn. He proved the most reluctant witness yet brought before the committee. The attorney for the Protestants drew from him the fact that he keeps the records of marriages, baptisms and endowments, which are solemnized within the temple. He explained that the endowments are the placing upon individuals, blessings that will be upon them in this life and in all eternity.

He admitted that he has access to all the records, but he would not admit having authority over them, nor that he know who is in authority. He knew where to find the records and could give such information upon demand, adding that unless the person making the request was entitled to the information it would not be given to him. He was responsible for the safe keeping of the records and so far as he knew no part of them had ever been taken from the temple.

SHE IS DELIGHTED

MRS. CHADWICK PASSED COMFORTABLE NIGHT IN JAIL.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Chadwick's first night in the county jail was passed comfortably, according to her own statement, and this morning she was not only contented with her surroundings but told the matron, Mrs. Hall, that she was delighted at being again "with her friends in Cleveland".

She retired to her cell a short time after 12 o'clock, but could not sleep for several hours, not awakening until after 8 o'clock. A physician who was called at her request declared that she was suffering from nervous and physical exhaustion and would not for several days be in condition to attend to business matters. She said that she felt tired but "pretty well for all that". She walked for a short time up and down the corridor after arising, but said that she did not care for breakfast until later.

Her first callers at the jail were her son, Emil Hoover, and her nurse, Freda Swanstorm. The latter came down from Mrs. Chadwick's home with some clothing for Mrs. Chadwick and some linen for her bed. Both the nurse and Emil were admitted to see her for a short time, the nurse remaining after the young man had left the jail. When informed by the matron of the extent of the jail menu card, the prisoner said she was not satisfied with it, and asked that arrangements be made with a hotel close by, to send in her meals. This was done, and at 10 o'clock she called for breakfast. She ate lightly, but seemed in better spirits after doing so than she had been when she arose.

Sheriff Barry was kept busy turning away curious people who came to the jail in swarms. They also kept his telephone in a constant jingle.

"I don't know who they are," said the sheriff. "I don't know any of them. I ask them what they want to see her for, and they say that they are friends of hers, and would like to have a talk with her. Some of them claim to have business with her, but they will not say what the nature of their business may be. I know that one or two of them are people who desire to serve notice of suits of debts on her, but they will be obliged to wait for a time at least."

It was declared in the office of the County Prosecutor Keller this morning as entirely possible that Mrs. Chadwick might be summoned at some time today to appear before the county grand jury for interrogation on the investigation now going on but that the question had not been determined positively. The county grand jury continued its investigation this morning but President Beckwith of the Oberlin bank, who was to be the star witness of the day, had not put in an appearance.

Cashier Spear was a witness and went over again the story of his experiments with Mrs. Chadwick. He told the jury also all he knew concerning the New York attorney who was said by Beckwith to have declared that he knew the Carnegie notes to be genuine.

STILL IN PARIS

DR. CHADWICK HAS NOT SAILED FOR NEW YORK.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick's belief that her husband, Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick has sailed for New York, from Liverpool, is erroneous. Dr. Chadwick is still here. The correspondent of the Associated Press has seen him daily. During a conversation last night, Dr. Chadwick was asked if Reynolds' charges against him might lead to prolonging his stay in Europe. Dr. Chadwick replied that it was still his intention to return to America.

"Do you expect to be included in the charges?" the doctor was asked.

"Most certainly not," he replied.

Dr. Chadwick spoke of his lengthy stay abroad which seemed to indicate that he has been absent much of the time during the business operations of his wife. He said he came to Europe in 1901, remaining 8 months and that during most of the time he was in bad health and not expected to live, owing to an attack of Roman fever during his sojourn in Italy.

After returning to Cleveland, Dr. Chadwick visited a number of cities in the United States and came back to Europe for another eight months.

He made another trip to America but as he was still ill returned to Europe where he has since remained.

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NAVAL TUG SANK

THE ENGINEER WAS RESCUED WITH DIFFICULTY.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15—The United States naval tug Mohawk sank at her moorings at the navy yard today. Her engineer, who stuck to the whistle cord blowing signals of distress until the vessel went down, was rescued with difficulty by other members of the crew who had sought safety on the wharf. No reason can be assigned for her sinking.

PUBLIC BEQUESTS

WILL OF GILBERT E. HOOD OF LAWRENCE.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 15.—Among the bequests made in the will of the late Gilbert E. Hood, filed today, $10,000 is divided among local charitable societies and $1500 is left to the American board of foreign missions and $1500 to the Massachusetts Home Missionary society.

COMMISSIONER WARE

RETIRED FROM THE PENSION OFFICE TODAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Commissioner of pensions, Eugene F. Ware, today relinquished his official duties here and left for his home in Kansas. Deputy Commissioner J. L. Davenport assumed charge of the pension bureau as acting commissioner and will remain pending the appointment of a permanent successor to Mr. Ware.

AUTOPSY HELD

ON THE BODY OF JAMES G. WILSON.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 15.—An autopsy was performed today on the body of James G. Wilson, who died at the Pawtucket general hospital yesterday and medical examiner Charles H. Flint gave as his opinion that the man came to his death through violence and ordered that an inquest be held.

Wilson was found unconscious about a week ago about 18 feet from the steps of a barber shop, which he conducted in Saylesville and it was then thought he had either fallen and hurt his head or had sustained a stroke of paralysis. He was taken to the hospital and died yesterday. Before his death he became delirious and during one of his spells of delirium asserted he had been stoned.

The character of bruises found on the man's head is the reason for the medical examiner's opinion. Wilson was 66 years of age and is survived by a married daughter.

"TOD" SLOAN LOSES.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The court of appeals has confirmed the judgment of the lower court favorable to "Tod" Sloan, the American jockey, and against the jockey club.

TARGET RANGE A SUCCESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The new protected target range at the Presidio has received its first practical test in the presence of General McArthur and is pronounced a success.

The range has been under construction the last four months and is an experiment in which the entire army is interested. If is expected similar ones will now be constructed at the different posts throughout the country.

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—The qualifying examination for the Cecil Rhodes scholarships will be held in 1905, on January 17 and 18, at Yale university, the elected scholars to begin residence at Oxford in October, 1905, according to an official announcement made today.

From Yesterday's Late Edition

NOT TO BLAME

Railroad Not Responsible For Callahan's Death

Hon. John J. Pickman today submitted his report of the inquest into the death of John Callahan who was found dead on the tracks of the Boston & Maine railroad near the Bleachery station, October 15. In concluding his report Mr. Pickman says: "Upon all the evidence and the inferences, therefrom, including the testimony as to the running of the trains, the nature of the wounds and the position of the injured man when found, I adopt the latter view.

"My finding is that on the evening of the fifteenth day of October, last past, said John Callahan received injuries that resulted in his death by reason of his stepping off or falling from the steps of a railroad car while the same was in motion and that the corporation that owned and operated said train upon which he was travelling did not cause or contribute to the injuries by negligence upon its part."

GOT THREE YEARS

Patriarchal Swindler Sentenced Today

In the superior criminal court at East Cambridge today, George M. Bingham, the old man who gave worthless checks to Milo D. Brown and Sidney Drewett for trip books, was sentenced to three years in the house of correction. He was stigmatized by the court as a common and notorious thief.

MILLS WILL CLOSE

ON THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY.

The mills of this city will shut down on Monday, December 26 the day after Christmas. This announcement was made this afternoon to a reporter of The Sun by Agent Southworth of the Massachusetts mills.

STILL FALLING

RIVER LOWER AND MILLS USING MORE STEAM POWER.

The water supply in the river is still rapidly falling and the mills are daily requiring more steam power to assist in maintaining the necessary speed on the machinery employed in cotton manufacture.

WATCHES AND MONEY

TAKEN FROM DESK IN ST. LOUIS RECTORY.

Burglars broke into St. Louis's rectory in Boisvert street Tuesday, and carried away $80 in money and two silver watches from a desk in the private office of Rev. Fr. Jacques, the pastor.

FUNERALS

DAVIS—The funeral of the late Elizabeth B. Davis, who was found dead in bed in her room at Dows' block in Central street, Monday, took place this afternoon at three o'clock from the funeral parlors of Undertaker C. H. Molloy in Market street. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Ellis of the First Baptist church. There were many floral offerings in evidence and the interment was in the Edson cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Molloy.

McNAMARA—The funeral of Miss Kate McNamara took place this morning from her late home, 553 Broadway, at 8.30 o'clock, and services were held at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock. Rev. Fr. McHugh officiated and the choir under the direction of Mr. Michael Johnson, sang the Gregorian chant At the offertory Mr. Frank McCarthy sang "Pie Jesu". At the close of the mass Miss Ethel Ranger sang "I Love to Hear My Saviour's Voice". As the body was leaving the church the choir sang the "De Profundis". Among the floral tributes was a large standing cross inscribed "Shipmate," from the Massachusetts Mohair plush company. Interment was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Rev. Fr. McHugh reading the committal prayer. Undertaker P. H Savage had charge. The bearers were Peter Kelly, Charles Contermarche, William Kane, John Kane, Joseph Falle, Henry Read.

ROACH—The funeral of the late Mrs. Anna Roach will take place from her home, 27 Chapel street Friday morning at 8.15 o'clock, and a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at nine o'clock. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

CARTER—The funeral of Esther Carter took place from the funeral parlors of Undertaker Higgins, this afternoon and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

FIRE ON HOWE STREET.

A still alarm at five o'clock last evening summoned a portion of the fire department to a fire in a house in Howe street owned by Anthony Conway. One of the occupants of the house was at work trying to thaw out the water pipes which were frozen when he set fire to the woodwork. The department soon extinguished the blaze. The damage was slight.

Fred C. Church had the insurance on the building.

TOTALLY DESTROYED

FIVE STORY BUILDING BURNED TO GROUND.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15.—The five-story building occupied by the Mamouth Carbon Paint company was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is $75,000, fully covered by insurance.

TRAGIC HISTORY

Revealed During Trial of Case

BOSTON AND NORTHERN SUED FOR $40,000

Strange Tale of Family of Indian Descent

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—A civil case involving the largest ad damnum ever considered in the Middlesex county court, sitting at East Cambridge, the trial of which lasted from last Thursday morning until late yesterday afternoon, brought out testimony involving the strange and tragic history of a family of Indian descent, once possessed of large landed estates. Eminent legal counsel and prominent medical experts were engaged on the case, and it excited a great deal of interest while it was on trial.

After being out from 10.30 a. m. until 3.30 yesterday afternoon the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

The case was one in which Evelin Hook and her husband of Stoneham sued the Boston & Northern Street Railway company for $40,000 for alleged damages resulting from a nervous shock sustained in one of the defendant company's cars, which was derailed in Winchester on Aug. 2, 1902. The woman sued for $30,000 and the husband asked for $10,000 for the loss of services of his wife.

The defence was prepared by William A. Rice, claim agent for the Massachusetts Street Railway companies, and E. P. Saltonstall was counsel for the defence, while Sherman Whipple conducted the case for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Hook was brought into court upon a stretcher, and when she gave her testimony she was bolstered up on a great pile of pillows.

The defence admitted that the car was derailed, but set up the claim that the plaintiff received no bodily injury, and denied her right to damages, on the ground that the legislature a year ago passed a law providing that no person could obtain damages from a railroad company for fright alone, sustained as a result of a similar event.

It was set up by the plaintiff that Mrs. Hook sustained a nervous shock which resulted in hysteria and mental derangement, followed by confinement to her bed for 26 weeks.

The defence claimed the woman was suffering from insanity, and submitted evidence to show that her two sisters died in insane hospitals, and also that in 1878 her father, Pelitiah Wallt, murdered his wife, the mother of the plaintiff. In their home in Melrose by beating her brains out with a crowbar, and then blew his brains out with a pistol. It was shown that at that time the plaintiff's family owned immense tracts of woodland, which are now owned by this commonwealth as the Middlesex Fells park reservation in Melrose, Malden, Medford and Stoneham.

It was attempted to show that the plaintiff and her family were descendants of the famous Old Town, Me., Indians; that there had been much marrying and intermarrying of brothers and sisters and cousins in the family and that imbecility and insanity prevailed among its members and, as a result of this mental trouble, almost all family lands were lost by mismanagement and bad trades.

Two women, one 80 and another 86 years old, testified for the defence that they were passengers aboard the derailed car and that they experienced no fright or nervous shock.

ARE FLYING WELL

PLENTY OF WILD GEESE ON CAPE COD.

SANDWICH, Mass., Dec. 15.—A big flight of wild geese is expected within a few days by the gunners now occupying their camps on the shores of the big ponds between here and Mashpee. Already the geese have been flying across Cape Cod in large numbers. Gunners have killed a larger number than at this time last season, and the general opinion is that there will be more geese killed this season than ever before.

Mashpee pond is the favorite goose shooting resort for visiting gunners, and the most improved camps and blinds are found there. The gunners who frequent the pond use live decoys in addition to wooden ones, and some of the live birds are so perfectly trained that they obey almost every wish of their masters.

Besides the live decoys which the gunners throw into the air to toll the wild birds back to the beach in front of the blinds, they employ others which are kept penned on the beach at the water's edge honking to attract flocks going over.

At one of the camps yesterday a flock of 60 birds came into the pond long before the gunners were out of their bunks. As they had a good rest before the weapons could be loaded the geese started for the south without waiting to see what had become of ten of their number, which were knocked over by the first fire.

At one of the camps on the shore of Mashpee pond 74 geese have been killed within a week. Nearly every bird that came within shooting distance dropped before the unerring aim of the men in the blind. At this camp last year 99 geese were killed. The present season is young and the gunners believe that they will double this number.

Mashpee pond and Wakeby lake have been famous as goose shooting resorts for years. The older inhabitants of the Indian settlement relate stories of hundreds of wild geese which were shot there 50 or more years ago, and they believe that as long as any of the birds exist they will follow their annual custom of crossing Cape Cod in a line from Cape Cod bay to Vineyard sound and will make their resting and feeding places at the ponds between these two points.

THE DAVIS CASE

Will be Reopened by Authorities

BEVERLY, Mass., Dec. 15.—The authorities of Essex county and of the city of Beverly have decided to reopen the investigation which was held at the time of the finding of the body of Miss Bessie G. Davis, daughter of Otis N. Davis of Beverly Farms, on West beach in the latter part of September. An inquest will be held tomorrow at the office of Judge Daniel A. Safford of the district court at Salem.

Miss Davis disappeared one evening and the next day her body was found on the beach. After a brief investigation by the authorities it was decided that the young woman committed suicide. When she left home, she told her parents that she was going to a service at the Second Baptist church, of which she was an active worker.

Although her health had not been of the best, she had not appeared to be despondent and no satisfactory cause for self destruction could be learned by the authorities. The medical examiner in holding an autopsy upon the body, found a bottle of carbolic acid inside her waist and this evidence tended to confirm the suicide theory. At the time there were many rumors that the young woman had been murdered, but after the autopsy they died out for a time.

Recently many reports had been in circulation at Beverly Farms, including insinuations that the girl had been foully dealt with, although so far as has been learned no stranger positive evidence has been found. Bruises on the face, it was thought, were caused by the action of the tide.

OFFICIAL CANVASS

OF THE VOTE CAST IN NEW YORK STATE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Roosevelt's plurality in the state of New York at the last election was 175,552, as shown by the official returns certified today by the board of state canvassers. That of Lieut. Governor Frank W. Higgins, for governor was 80,560. Judge Parker is shown to have run nearly 19,000 behind Judge D. Cady Herrick, the democratic candidate for governor. Secretary of state John F. O'Brien, republican candidate for re-election, led his ticket with a plurality of 126,620, his total vote being only 18,011 less than Roosevelt's. The board of state canvassers, which comprises the secretary of state, attorney general, comptroller, treasurer and state engineer and surveyor met today as the law requires. In the office of the secretary of state and canvassed the returns certified by the several county canvassing boards. Upon their vote of today the successful candidates will be notified of their election and certificates of election issued accordingly.

The highest elector on each presidential ticket is taken as the standard in the figures which follow, relating to the choice of presidential electors. James E. Murch elector for Roosevelt received a total of 859,533 votes, the highest Parker elector receiving 683,981

The other party totals for president are:

Socialist democrat 36,883; Prohibition 20,587; Socialist Labor 9127; People's Party 7395.

For governor, a total of 1,698,907 votes were cast, of which Frank W. Higgins received 913,281, a plurality of 80,560 over the total of 832,701 cast for D. Cady Herrick. Other candidates for governor received: Pendergast, Socialist democrat, 36,353; McKee, Prohibitionist 20,586; De Leon, Socialist Labor, 8956; Roulton, People's, 665. Defective, blank and scattering votes for governor totalled 8127.

Edgar M. Cullen for chief judge and Wm. E. Werner, for associate judge of the court of appeals received 1,540,471 and 1,511,296 respectively. One of the results of the state election proper will be the loss of status as an official party by the socialists labor party. It having failed to cast the necessary total of 10,000 votes for its candidates for governor.

The social democratic party retains its place in the third column. The people's party was on the ballot by petition.

The total vote for governor this year shows an increase this year over last of 65,389

Fred C. Church had the insurance on the estate of John Ayer building on Tilden street, damaged by fire.

PRES. MELLEN

SAYS ROAD WILL BE OPERATED AS BEFORE.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—President Charles S. Mellen of the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad, who is in this city, announced today that there would be no change in the operation of the Pittsfield and Stockbridge and Berkshire railroad companies, in which a controlling interest recently has been acquired by the New Haven line. Mr. Mellen said:

"We propose to operate the roads hereafter the same as heretofore; they have always been operated by the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad and always will be."

The Pittsfield and Stockbridge road extends from Pittsfield to Van Deusenville, a distance of 22 miles, and the Berkshire line continues from the New York state line through West Stockbridge and Vanheusenville to the Connecticut line at Canaan. The roads together have about 41 miles of track. As soon as they were built the roads were leased for 999 years to the old Housatonic railroad company but the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad company took over all the leases and has since been operating the roads.

By this acquisition President Mellen's company gets absolute control of the southern direct route from New York in the Berkshire hills. The roads do a large business, particularly in summer, from Pittsfield, Lenox and Stockbridge.

ENGINEERS' STRIKE AVERTED.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 15.—The engineers and firemen of the Santa Fe have adjusted their differences which threatened to cause a strike on the coast lines of the Santa Fe system.

The terms of the settlement have not been made public.

SAMUEL GOMPERS

Presided at Session of Civic Federation

INTERNATIONAL BODY MAY BE FORMED

Pres. Roosevelt Commends the Work

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The creation of an international body based upon the National civic federation as it exists at present in this country was forecasted by Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the executive committee, in a report to the executive committee of the national civic federation at the annual meeting of that body in this city today. The meeting was executive and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor presided. Andrew Carnegie was present.

Mr. Easley in his report said that the movements for the organization of civic federation are making good progress in England, France, Germany and Canada. He believed that their success might logically lead to the creation of an international body to improve the condition of wage earners and their relations with employers and they forward economic education throughout the world.

The newly organized welfare department which deals with the physical comfort, recreation and education of employes, has received enthusiastic support from many employers, according to the report of Chairman Vreeland, who followed Mr. Easley. Mr. Vreeland said the work was practical as well as altruistic. A growing appreciation of the trade agreement on the part of both organized employers and wage earners, as a practical method of securing and maintaining industrial peace, was reported by Francis L. Robbins, chairman of the department of trade agreements.

The following letter from President Roosevelt was read to the members of the federation:

White House, Washington, Dec. 14, 1904.

My Dear Sir:—

"I greatly regret that my duties here do not admit my attending the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which will be held in New York City, on Thursday, the fifteenth instant. But though I cannot take part in the conference or be present at the dinner in connection therewith, I am sure you understand that I am in hearty accord and sympathy with the purposes of the National Civic Federation in its effort for the establishment of 'More rightful relations between employers and employees.' It is a movement so praiseworthy and so thoroughly American in conception that it should as a matter of course receive the earnest support of all good citizens, who are awake to the vital needs of our nation.

"Views upon economic and sociological problems often differ. There can be, however, no division of opinion against the aim should it be toward establishing an ever closer basis of mutual respect and friendship, the relations between employers and workmen.

"The men associated in the National Civic Federation have already done much in the direction of settling labor difficulties on a basis of conciliation and just dealing. Among those most prominent in this work and largely and intimately associated with all your work, was the late Marcus A. Hanna, senator from Ohio, president of the National Civic Federation, a large employer of labor, a man of extraordinary force of character and great mental strength, who devoted much of his time and efforts to the material improvement of the wage earners, not only without injury to employers, but to their marked benefit, as well as to the benefit of the people generally. When he attended the last meeting of your body, his condition was such that a less consideration of the interests of others would have prompted him to have stayed away, in the interests of his own life and health. But when he saw what he deemed a high duty, he never paid any heed to his own physical welfare.

"You are about to elect a president to fill the vacancy caused by his death; and I am sure your wise judgment will enable you to choose some man able to carry on in his spirit and with his power, the great work of your association.

"Again permit me to assure you of my entire sympathy with your organization which has done so much, and which, if rightfully conducted, will, I am confident, achieve so much more in the interests of the people of our common country.

"Sincerely yours,

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"Samuel Gompers, First Vice President National Civic Federation, Washington."

MAY BE ASHORE

Japanese Cruiser Is in Danger

CHEFOO, Dec. 15.—Captain Hansen of the German steamer Tsintau, which arrived here today, reports seeing a Japanese cruiser, yesterday apparently ashore in Yungching Bay, 63 miles southeast of Chefoo and 30 miles from Wei Hai Wei. A large merchantman was seemingly rendering assistance. The distance made observation uncertain.

TORPEDO BOATS MAKE AN ATTACK

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio says:

The commander of the third squadron reports that the Sevastopol's bow which had previously sunk three feet had further sunk this morning and at 9 a. m. her torpedo tube was completely submerged.

One of the torpedo boats which attacked the Sevastopol has been missing from 11.30 p. m. yesterday to 3 a. m. today.

Six torpedo boats have attacked the Sevastopol, the Otvashni and another ship. Details have not yet been received.

LAST RUSSIAN SHIP TORPEDOED BY JAPS

TOKIO, Dec. 15, Noon—It is reported that the Japanese have successfully torpedoed the Russian battleship Sevastopol.

MANY BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN SHATTERED

HEADQUARTERS OF THIRD JAPANESE ARMY, Via Fusan, Dec. 14.—Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203-Metre hill. The streets of the city are deserted and but few soldiers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shattered. The harbor presents a strange appearance with the turrets, masts and funnels of warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and buildings on the water front are torn and burned. The Japanese shells reach every part of the city and harbor.

HEARTY RECEPTION FOR GEN. KAULBARS

HARBIN, Manchuria, Dec. 15.—General Kaulbars, commander of the third army, met with a hearty reception on his arrival here today.

There are 22 hospitals, each with 180 beds here. The officers' ward is under the control of the wife of Gen. Mistchenko. There are many cases of typhoid fever.

JAPANESE COLUMN MOVING NORTHWARD

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Dec. 15.—The Japanese column on General Oyama's retreat, which Gen. Renenkampff recently drove back to the Taitse river, is again reported to be moving northeast and strongly holding the Sladogal-Sianchan region, 5000 men with eight guns being at Sianchan and 10,000 men with eight guns at Saimatze.

The Japanese are also holding Siantzelatzu and Renaihu, with a small force; they occupy Sinodyr on the south bank of the Taitse river and they are guarding the bridge which is no longer of any importance owing to the freezing of the river. A Japanese prisoner says the besieging army at Port Arthur is composed of the first, ninth and eleventh divisions and the fourth and eighth reserve brigades.

The extreme cold keeps the guards quiet along the front.

NEWSPAPERS FOOLED BY AN ADVENTURER

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Much disgust is manifested over the manner in which a notorious Russian adventurer has swindled several newspapers abroad by false stories of Russia having secret information about the North sea incident. The authorities here are in no ways responsible for these reports and express confidence in the testimony which will be submitted to the international commission in Paris.

The Russ supports Captain Clado's demand for a court martial, declaring that as he is one of the principal Russian witnesses he should go to Paris completely rehabilitated.

The Gazetta declares that if Japan is successful in this war she will colonize Manchuria and maintain a standing army there as a buffer against Russia and that if she fails she surely will head an uprising in China. The paper therefore warns the pro-Japanese in the United States and elsewhere who are interested in commerce with China to consider well the effect of either alternative.

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Having made an assignment to us for the benefit of its creditors, we announce to the public that the yards and offices of the company are again open for active business.

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FOUR MEN KILLED

Explosion on The U. S. Battleship Massachusetts

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 15.—FOUR MEN WERE INSTANTLY KILLED AND TWO WERE PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED TODAY BY AN EXPLOSION ON THE BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS WHICH IS LYING AT THE LEAGUE ISLAND NAVY YARD. THE MEN WERE WORKING IN THE ENGINE ROOM MAKING REPAIRS TO THE BIG VESSEL WHEN A MANHOLE BLEW OUT. ALL OF THE MEN WERE TERRIBLY BURNED AND MANGLED.

FIGHTING SHIPS

Bids Opened for Two New Ones

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Bids were opened at the navy department today for the construction of the battleship New Hampshire and the armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana. The lowest bidder on two ships was the Newport News Ship-building and Dry Dock company, which offered to complete the two cruisers in 36 months at $3,575,000 each or one cruiser and the battleship in 36 months at $3,650,000.

On the battleship alone the company's bid was $3,650,000, to be completed in 36 months and one armored cruiser, $3,725,000, to be completed in the same length of time. The other bids were as follows:

Maryland Steel company of Baltimore, Md., the battleship in 42 months at $4,285,000; one armored cruiser in 42 months, $4,325,000; two cruisers in 42 months at $4,290,000 each.

The Fore River Ship Building company, Quincy, Mass., battleship in 42 months, $3,951,000; one armored cruiser, time omitted, $4,231,000; one armored cruiser, according to the company's modified specifications in 42 months, $4,331,000; both armored cruisers, 42 months, at $4,244,000 each.

NO CHANGE YET

IN THE STRIKE SITUATION IN FALL RIVER.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 15—Save in a few mills the conditions in weaving departments today were reported as very little different from yesterday. In some mills substantial gains were made. What seems of more consequence to the mill men in several cases was the fact that after receiving their wages for the week many operatives expressed themselves as satisfied with the returns in their envelopes. There has been less shifting of help reported in the mills this week than a week ago.

The mill men are aware that in some mills there are persons employed who are reporting regularly to union headquarters just what is being done, but they say they are rather pleased that this is so, because they argue that when the worst is told it can all be summed up in the statement that it is the disposition of the mill men to correct the grievances now growing out of the 12½ per cent. reduction.

Some manufacturers are securing help at the expense of their fellows and the best of feeling does not prevail among some of them. It has been found that operatives who worked in some mills before the strike will not go back, but will accept work in other concerns where they say operatives are better treated.

This feature of the strike is hastening the correction of many evils which have long been complained of in mills where it has not been possible hitherto to obtain redress.

RHODE ISLAND STATE GRANGE.

EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15—The 18th annual session of the Rhode Island state grange, which was begun here yesterday in Roger Williams hall, was continued today, the opening session being held in the fourth degree. Reception of representatives from committees and deputies and the discussion of general business followed. An explanation of the unwritten work in the first, second, third and fourth degrees was then made by Worthy Master Benjamin Martin.

Literary exercises under the direction of the Worthy Lecturer to which the public was admitted occupied the entire afternoon.

SEAMEN'S CONVENTION ENDED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The seamen's convention which has been in session here for several days has ended. It was decided to hold the next convention at Cleveland, Ohio, in December, 1905.

The following were elected to office: President, Wm. Penje, Chicago; vice-president, Daniel Sullivan, Brooklyn; secretary treasurer, C. D. A. Furuseth.

RADICALS ELECTED.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—The Bundestrath today elected M. Ruchet, vice president of the federal council, to be president and M. Forrer, minister of commerce industry and agriculture, to be vice president of the confederation for 1905. Both men are radicals.

Liver and Kidneys

It is highly important that these organs should properly perform their functions.

When they don't, what lameness of the side and back, what yellowness of the skin, what constipation, bad taste in the mouth, sick headache, pimples and blotches, and loss of courage, tell the story.

The great alterative and tonic

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Gives these organs vigor and tone for the proper performance of their functions, and cures all their ordinary ailments. Take it.

"TECH" STUDENT

Says Sergt. Fitzgerald Clubbed Him

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At the police board hearing on charges against Boston police for alleged clubbing of students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology today, Joseph H. Daniels, a senior at the Institute, identified Sergeant John Fitzgerald as an officer who had clubbed him on the steps of one of the institute buildings on the night of Nov. 2.

The witness said that he knew of another student who could identify another officer who used unnecessary brutality because he had seized the number on the officer's helmet.

NEARING THE END

Prosecution in Patterson Case About Finished

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—It seemed quite possible at the opening of the Patterson trial today that the case of the prosecution against the former show girl would be completed before the close of this week. Following the brief appearance of Mrs. Young, the widow of the dead bookmaker on the stand yesterday it was said that she would be called today by Assistant District Attorney Rand to tell all she knows of the affairs between her husband and Miss Patterson.

It was believed that the examination of Mrs. Young would open the way for another legal battle between Abraham Levy and Mr. Rand and there was an element of doubt as to whether or not Justice Davis would allow the widow to tell all the prosecutor would have her in order to bring out in stronger relief his theory of murder.

With the conclusion of the evidence of Mrs. Young the people's case will be very nearly complete. The other witnesses who will be called should not occupy more than one day's session so there is every indication that Mr. Rand will be able to close his case on Friday.

What attitude the defense will then adopt is a matter of conjecture. The counsel for Miss Patterson declare that they will not decide whether or not to put any witnesses on the stand before all of the prosecution's testimony has been heard. In view of the courts exclusion of testimony relating to the alleged flight from Justice of J. Morgan Smith, Mr. Levy has expressed the opinion that he will not need to put in any defense.

Whether or not Mr. Rand still had some startling disclosures to make, of course was not known to Miss Patterson's attorneys when the trial was resumed today.

OFFICERS ELECTED

ANNUAL DINNER OF NEW ENGLAND GRAIN DEALERS.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—At the annual dinner of the New England Grain Dealers' association last night at the Exchange club, Henry M. Whitney, president, and Elwyn G. Preston, secretary, respectively, of the chamber of commerce, were the guests.

Mr. Whitney spoke of reciprocity questions and said that the great opportunity of Boston for building up an enormous commercial city and giving to the association international importance in the handling of its grain, was lost because the people and merchants of Boston did not cry out against the policy that turned Canada away from the United States at the opportune time.

D. W. Ronlet presided and reviewed the year's work. Frank Cressy of Concord, N. H., and Mr. Preston also spoke. These officers were elected:

President, H. C. Yeaton, Portsmouth, N. H.; vice-president, W. F. Burditt, Rutland, Vt.; directors, Eben Hunt, Lewiston, Me.; Frank Cressy, Concord, N. H.; B. W. Brown, Concord; Henry Burbeck, North Abington; George L. Hard, Providence, R. I.; O. E. Lapham, New Haven, Conn.

TARGET RANGE A SUCCESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15—The new protected target range at the Presidio has received its first practical test in the presence of General McArthur and is pronounced a success.

The range has been under construction the last four months, and is an experiment in which the entire army is interested. It is expected that similar ones will now be constructed at the different posts throughout the country.

STUDENTS WILL WRESTLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. Students at Columbia who are interested in wrestling have taken the initiative in the formation of an inter collegiate association for the promotion of wrestling championships. Negotiations were opened with Yale, Princeton, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania for co-operative interest in making this a regular form of intercollegiate athletics. A competent coach will be secured at once to develop material at Columbia.

BROWN TAIL MOTHS

SERIOUSNESS OF THE PEST SET FORTH.

Mr. Editor:—A serious and burning question now before the people of Massachusetts is: "What is to be done to rid the state of tree pests"? While the hairs of the brown tail fill the air in summer, people can take no comfort in being out of doors, their clothing as it dries on the line becomes in truth a hair shirt, and a distressing eruption follows which causes illness and sometimes death. No one in the infested districts between here and Boston can speak lightly of the brown tail moth, nor calmly endure the indifference of people who do not feel impressed by the seriousness of the situation.

Various schemes are being tried for the extermination of the pests. There are several associations in Arlington doing effective work and at a recent town meeting a large appropriation was made and a committee was formed of the presidents of these associations, the tree warden, the board of public works and the park commission. Women's clubs have expended money and time and have worked through the aid of the school children. Roxbury is raising $300 by subscription to clear the town of pests. So strong is the sentiment of danger that in November officials from many cities and towns met and appointed a committee which on the third of December called a meeting and formed the Massachusetts Association for the Suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths. The organization purposes to be so comprehensive in its scope that it may enlist the sympathy and active cooperation of people from all over the state and intends to arouse popular interest, and then go before the legislature to ask assistance. The membership is limited only by the required 25 years of age.

The moths are becoming a dangerous foe and legislation is being recognized as the only effectual method of defense.

At the same time those acquainted with the brown-tail are not going to sit still waiting for the slow motion of a large body like the legislature. The brown-tails will be ready in April to begin their summer campaign and they must be surprised and slaughtered while still in their winter quarters before their hosts come forth to devastate, to lay waste, and to spread disease in the land.

In Lowell the park commission are interested and will be ready to do their duty when the means is given them; school boys and citizens have taken off a good many nests in a small way; but no systematic work is as yet accomplished. So far the Women's club has endeavored to instruct the public through the press, a symposium on the moth was held at the club rooms and this was supplemented by an out-door meeting, both of which were most instructive. The city has been divided into sections, each section in the care of certain members of the committee on civics. A long pruning hook is in each section and is to be lent for cutting off the nests of the moths. The ladies having charge of the pruning hooks are Mrs. L. S. Fox of Belvidere, Mrs. W. H. Lathrop of Centralville, Mrs. Charles Weston of Pawtucketville, Miss Mary Shattuck of Pawtucket street, Mrs. George Bowers of the Highland, Miss M. Abbie Morrison of Elm street, Mrs. A. F. Spalding of Middlesex street. The committee are endeavoring to arouse the people to work in the different sections, are encouraging the larger boys to attempt the business of clearing the garden trees for small payment, and will promote the same work in the towns about Lowell. The city ought easily to be able to clear the trees outside the private gardens, and all the tall trees. Taking the nests off this year means comfort in summer as far as pleasant shade and green leafage and freedom from a troublesome disease are concerned, and it may mean freedom from the pest for years unless it flies this way again. Unsystematic work means shrivelled leaves, loss of shade, physical suffering and loss of health. Which is the wiser?

A. F. S.

STACKPOLE NAMED

MAYOR APPOINTS HIM TEMPORARY ASSISTANT CHIEF.

Mayor Howe has appointed Charles Stackpole temporary assistant engineer of the fire department until such time as he is confirmed or his successor appointed. This action is similar to that taken by the mayor in the case of Mr. Farnham, though the conditions surrounding the case are somewhat different. Mayor Howe in making the appointment stated that he deemed it necessary owing to the fact that there is a vacancy and that one of the engineers is now sick.

HAD NO COUNSEL

ALLEGED BEGGAR ATTACKED PRES. HADLEY.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15—Charles S. Porter, the alleged beggar whose arrest was brought about by President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale yesterday after a hand to hand struggle during which the stranger tried vainly to escape, appeared in the city court today. He had no counsel. After the request of Captain Cowles of the detective bureau the case was continued until next Wednesday to allow an investigation of the man's record.

PLAN FOR LOAN

SANCTIONED BY SENATE IN SECRET SESSION.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 15—The senate at a secret session yesterday sanctioned broadly the government's project for a loan, which it is said will be negotiated in the U. S. for the purchase of war vessels and armament. The majority of the nationalists opposed the proposition on the ground of it being waste of money as Peru is not expecting war. The senate today is continuing the discussion of the causes of the project.

ROBBED OF $1800

TWO MASKED MEN HELD UP A BANKER.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Dec. 15—Two masked men entered the bank of John Rizvak last night and at the points of their revolvers robbed him of $180. The bank is a small concern where foreigners deposit their money and several attempts have been made recently to rob it.

$175,000 LOSS

FIRE IN A FACTORY IN CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15.—Fire which started today in the Ohio Seat company's plant and spread to an adjoining building, occupied by the Rudolph Surreo Anchor tannery, caused about $175,000 loss. The buildings mentioned and a dwelling house adjoining were destroyed. Following so closely on the two fires of Tuesday night and the $75,000 fire in the Mamulith carbon paint factory, the firemen were nearly exhausted, the intense cold making their work particularly difficult.

OBERLIN STUDENTS

WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR LOSSES.

OBERLIN, O., Dec. 15—President King has announced that friends of the college have taken steps to reimburse students who have suffered loss by the bank failure. He said this could not apply to all cases, but only to those where the loss had been heavy and the need great. How much the students had in the Citizens' National bank is not known.

DAIRYMEN MEET.

AUBURN, Me., Dec. 15—At the Maine state dairymen's meeting held in Auburn hall this morning, it was voted to cooperate in forming a confederation of all agriculture societies in the country in order to affect legislation.

The old board of officers were re-elected as follows: Frank S. Adams, Bowdoin, president; C. E. Jones, Corina, vice president; L. W. Dyer, Cumberland Junction, secretary; Hon. Rufus Alden, Winthrop, treasurer; W. N. Hamlin, South Waterford, trustee. One corresponding secretary was elected from each county.

SCHOONER WENT ASHORE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15—The schooner John R. Holladay, from New York for Norfolk went ashore on the point of Cape Henlopen, just below the Delaware Breakwater early today and is still aground. A wrecking tug went to her assistance and in an attempt to launch a surf boat, the craft capsized in the heavy sea and one of the crew was drowned. A tug has left the breakwater to assist the stranded schooner.

NARROW ESCAPE.

There was quite a little excitement yesterday afternoon at the Jungle during the progress of Mme. Schell's lion act, and for a moment those present thought the little lady was seriously injured. Happily, however, she remained perfectly calm and soon had the animal safely at bay.

Baby, the lioness, is a great jumper, and one of the feats required of her is jumping over the body of the trainer, whose head is only slightly lowered, resting against the bars of the cage. The lion in going over caught the shoulder; tore off the sleeve, inflicting a wound from which the blood flowed freely. Some women screamed, but Mme. Schell shrugged her shoulders, whipped the animal into a corner, saying "all right, all right" and rushed out of the cage.

STOCK EXCHANGE TO CLOSE.

BOSTON, Dec. 15—The Boston stock exchange today voted to close Saturday, December 24.

STATE GRANGE MEETING OVER.

GREENFIELD, Dec. 15—The annual meeting of the Massachusetts state grange came to a close here today after a brief business session. Reports of standing committees were read and there was a general discussion as to methods of improving the work of the order.

COLD IN WOONSOCKET.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Dec. 15—The mercury registered from six to 10 below in this city and vicinity at 6 this morning.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Cotton futures opened easy. Dec. 7.52@7.67; Jan. 7.71; Feb. 7.78 bid; March 7.80; April 7.98; May 8.01; June 8.05 bid; July 8.11; Aug. 8.13@8.15; Sept. —; Oct. 8.00 bid.

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FANCY ROCKERS, $3.00 value	$1.98
PICTURES, $2.00 value	98c
UPHOLSTERED COUCHES, $8.00 value	$4.98
LEATHER COUCHES, $10.00 value	$6.98
EXTENSION TABLES, $8.00 value	$4.98
CHILDREN'S ROCKERS $1.50 value	98c

HUNDREDS OF OTHER BARGAINS AT POSITIVELY THE LOWEST PRICES

TWO NEW STATES

Four Territories Will be Included

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on territories today completed its work on the statehood bill and authorized a favorable report on the measure, admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory also as one state.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—When the senate was called to order today, Mr. Platt (Conn.) chairman of the select committee, to consider the recommendation of the house of representatives for the impeachment of Judge Swayne, presented the report of that committee. The report was in the shape of an order which, after reciting the circumstances in a preamble, proceeded as follows: "Ordered, that the senate will according to its standing rules and orders in such cases, provided taking proper action thereon, upon the presentation of the articles of impeachment, of which due notice shall be given to the house of representatives."

The resolution was agreed to.

The urgent deficiency bill was passed without debate. The Philippine administration bill was taken up and Mr. Stewart spoke in support of the railroad bond provision saying that no other agent was equal to railroads as civilizers of savages.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—As soon as the house met today Mr. Olmstead (Pa.) from the committee on elections No. 2 introduced a resolution in the contested election cases of Geo. D. Reynolds against James J. Butler, from the Twelfth district of Missouri, asking that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the case. Mr. Olmstead said that the contestant had not complied with the law with respect to the time in which his testimony should be taken nor in several other ways.

The resolution was adopted.

LAST DIVIDEND

FOR CREDITORS OF DEFUNCT BANKING FIRM.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15—Closing eight years of litigation the final decree in the receivership proceedings for E. S. Dreyer and company, which brought the failure of the banking firm and the subsequent prosecution of Edward S. Dreyer and Robert Berger has been entered by Judge Kavanaugh.

The receiver's report shows there is a surplus of $30,236 from the assets of the bank which is to be distributed among the creditors and depositors, 2½ per cent being given to each. This exhausts the final revenue and property, and probably will be the last dividend.

Dreyer still is serving his term in the state penitentiary at Joliet. Berger, his partner, was pardoned a few years ago.

STOCKS ADVANCED

HEAVY SELLING IN SOME OF THE GROUPS.

WALL STREET, 11 a. m.—No serious opposition was met in the upward movement of prices during the first 30 minutes and by that time practically every leading stock had advanced about a point above yesterday's closing. The Pennsylvania group, coal stocks and the active specialties showed the most concentrated strength. Heavy selling for both accounts commenced after 10.30 and the earlier advances were largely reduced and in some cases cancelled. Irregular fluctuation followed.

WOMAN PREACHER

HAS FILED A PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Rev. Mary T. Whitney, pastor of the Unitarian church at Green Harbor, Marshfield, Mass., and prominent in the Unitarian denomination, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, her liabilities being stated as $44,170 with no assets. Several years ago, Mrs. Whitney's husband, Rev. Herbert Whitney, lost both feet in an accident and was obliged to leave his pulpit. Since that time, Mrs. Whitney has endeavored by preaching and lecturing to help pay her husband's obligations. She was unable to meet certain notes falling due, however. Her largest creditor is Wm. Cobb, an attorney of this city, the amount due him being $16,500. Mrs. Whitney and her husband formerly held a joint pastorate in South Boston.

NEGRO CLERGYMEN

FUND OF $2,000,000 TO EDUCATE THEM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Fifteen clergymen and elders interested in the work of educating the southern negro preacher have given a dinner here to the Rev. S. J. Miller, superintendent of the John C. Martin fund work. This fund which approximates $2,000,000 is to be used for educating negro clergymen of all denominations. It is the ultimate intention to bring the work to a focus in a Chautauqua for southern negroes.

The Rev. Mr. Miller has been organizing bible institutes for a year.

"We have 1000 students now," he said, "and hope to have 30,000 before we are through. The clergymen are eager to learn, and they pass the knowledge straight on to their congregations. The people of the south are with us; they approve of this method of uplifting the negro.

"We have had some difficulty with prejudice, but we are getting around that. It is the greatest work for the negro undertaken since emancipation."

FORMER EDITOR DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 15—Norman McColl, former editor of the Athenaeum, died in London this morning of heart disease. He was born in 1843.

BRIG. GEN. WHITESIDE DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Brigadier General Samuel M. Whiteside, retired, who had command of the department of Oto Santiago during the Spanish war, died suddenly in this city today.

RUMMAGE SALE BARGAINS.

The ladies in charge of the Castilian table of the K. of C. carnival are running a rummage sale at 396 Central street, near Charles street, to be open tomorrow and Saturday. A great many valuable articles have been contributed and they will be sold very cheap.

PLEADED GUILTY

Two Men Were Charged With Larceny

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 15.—Two young men, Wm. Jacobs and Henry Major, aged 22 and 23 years respectively, pleaded guilty in the district court here today to larceny from the person and possession of John Lindohl, an engineer, on Tuesday evening, and were held in $1500 bail for the grand jury. Lindohl was attacked while walking through a dark street in Olneyville by three men and was pounded and kicked into insensibility.

The robbers took about $16 from his pockets. Two hours after the report of the robbery the police arrested the two men arraigned today. The third of the trio escaped.

FOOTBALL INJURY

BROUGHT DISEASE THAT CAUSED DEATH OF PLAYER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Disease of the spine, attributed to an injury received in a football game has caused the death at Lake Wood, N. J. of Augustine F. Holly Jr., a former captain of the Princeton team. He was graduated in 1900 and was distantly related to the Vanderbilt family. Upon leaving college Holly entered on a business career in this city but was compelled to give it up two years ago.

TROOP F CAVALRY

STANDS HIGH AMONG THE CRACK SHOOTERS.

Troop F Cavalry during the past season made qualifications which place the troop high among the military companies of the state. In the troop are eight expert marksmen, seven sharpshooters, 11 first class, 30 second class, and 10 third class.

The classification of the marksmen after the season of 1904, is as follows:

Experts—Captain John J. Monahan, Lieut. Edward H. Keyes, Lieut. Edward Fisher, First Sergeant Harry C. McMaster, Sergeant William H. Quigley, Quartermaster Sergeant Charles F. Scribner, Corporal Albert C. Mitchell, Private Harry G. O'Brien.

Sharpshooters—Sergeant John H. Wilson, Sergeant David J. Dixon, Sergeant Joseph E. Marshall, Corporal Donald J. McLeod, Private Charles M. Trull, Corporal Charles S. Taylor, Private John Morning.

First class marksmen—Sergeant Edward S. Ricker, Corporal J. L. Otterman, Corporal James F. Mooney, Privates Carll E. Spaulding, Everett R. Mountain, William E. Mountain, James H. McCoy, Frank P. Martin, George W. Lamb, Arthur I. Hill, Charles F. Graham, Lewis H. Burnchett, William S. Barrett, John J. Bradley.

Second class marksmen—Assistant Surgeon Arthur G. Scoboria, Corporal Daniel E. Haley, Corporal John W. O'Brien, Bugler David P. McNally, Privates John G. Bailey, Harry S. Baker, Edgar I. Blaisdell, Benjamin Brown, Archie W. Butterick, Charles A. Carlson, Frank D. Carey, Lyman W. Chase, C. E. Crossland, Edward J. Doherty, A. Dutton, Walter Gaudette, George W. Gerow, Walter E. Goodwin, William H. Hoar, William H. Martin, Herman L. Purcell, George W. Ranger, W. G. Riffenburg, Warren F. Robarge, Waldo F. Robin, George W. Secton, C. Simenson, Warren A. Stearns, Joseph W. Weaver.

Third class marksmen—Privates Arthur V. Abbott, Arthur E. Barton, Willard H. Bicknell, William H. Compton, Harry W. Gumb, James P. Healey, Allan G. Leland, Robert H. Lineham, Thomas H. Welch, Nathaniel R. Whitney.

HOUSE WARMING

CHICAGO ORCHESTRA IN ITS NEW HOME.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Chicago orchestra gave a house warming last night, the occasion being the dedication of the new orchestra hall in Michigan avenue. Theodore Thomas, leader of the orchestra, was given an enthusiastic reception by an audience of nearly 2000 persons when he raised his baton in the opening number of the dedicatory program. The movement for a permanent home for the orchestra was commenced two years ago and more than a year was consumed in raising the fund which amounted to $750,000. There were 8000 contributors.

SPANISH-AMERICAN TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mr. Ojeda, the Spanish minister, today informed Secretary Hay that he had received authorization to sign the Spanish-American arbitration treaty.

MODERN METHODS

—in—

EYE EXAMINATION

Optician George G. Rogers

145 MERRIMACK STREET,

Opposite Pollard's.

Bailey's Pulmonary Balsam

Cures Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis.

Prepared by F. & E. Bailey & Co.

Apothecaries, cor. Merrimack and John streets, Lowell.

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10c CIGAR

Londres and Perfecto shapes will be packed in Souvenir Boxes of 25 each. Those wishing to make a holiday gift to a gentleman should order early. For sale by all first class dealers.

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Manchester, N. H.

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97 Appleton Street

Special Presents Christmas

227 Central St. O'Brien Bros. 227 Central St.

Challenge Sale of Best Groceries

M. O'KEEFFE

54 MIDDLESEX ST., NEAR TRADERS' BANK

513 MERRIMACK ST., NEAR TREMONT ST.

81 BRANCH STORES IN NEW ENGLAND.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

100 ($10 worth) Green Trading Stamps with 1 lb. 60c Tea.

80 ($8.00 worth) Green Trading Stamps with 1 lb. 35c Pure Java and Mocha Coffee.

Double stamps with the following:—

The Very Best Green Mountain Potatoes	17c Peck; 65c Bush.
The Very Best Bread Flour	85c Bag
Fancy Smoked Shoulders	8c lb.
The Very Best Rib Roast Pork	9c lb.
Fancy Brisket Pork	10c lb.
Best Mixed Bacon	12c lb.
The Very Best Pure Creamery Butter	25c
Very Good Eggs	22c Doz.
Very Best Eggs (guaranteed)	29c Doz.

Best N. Y. Pea Beans	7c qt.
Best Green Peas	7c qt.
1 lb. pkg. Raisins 9c; 3 pkgs.	25c
3 pkgs. Best Currants	25c
3 lb. can Baked Beans	7c
15c bot. Golden Syrup	10c
17 Sweet Oranges	25c
Best Messina Lemons	15c doz.
Kennedy's Soda Crackers,	5c lb.
Kennedy's Ginger Snaps	5c lb.
Kennedy's Common Crackers,	5c lb.
Kennedy's Lemon Crackers,	5c lb.
Kennedy's Tea Biscuit	8c lb.
Kennedy's Graham Crackers,	10c lb.
Kennedy's Smyrna Fig Bars,	10c lb.
Kennedy's Vanilla Creams,	10c lb.

All goods guaranteed. Prompt delivery to all parts of Lowell.

HOLIDAY GOODS

From All Parts of the World.

We have imported one of the largest and best lines of Holiday Goods to be found in New England, consisting of choice pieces in Haviland China, Royal Vienna, Royal Austria and Royal Dux from Bohemia and hand-painted Art Goods from Italy and France.

We are headquarters for Stock Pattern Dinner Ware. On our second floor we show over forty tables, each table a full set of dinner ware. When we say Stock Pattern we mean if you break a piece you can replace it any time.

Greenwood Bros.

CHINA STORE

241 CENTRAL STREET.

ROMANCE ENDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A pretty and well educated German girl, Anna Gertrude Radecke, is detained at Ellis island and her romance with a young doctor from East Liverpool, O., appears to have been shattered.

According to her story, she was to have married him here immediately upon her arrival from Berlin. In that city, the Ohioan met Anna while he was taking a special course of study. Six months ago, she says, they were betrothed at her home and the student returned to America. Two months later she received $100 and a letter instructing her to sail for New York. She arrived in due season but the immigration officials refused to allow her to leave the ship until some one could prove his right to protect her. As her name was called out in the second cabin a woman stepped up and cried: "This marriage cannot take place; the doctor is my nephew and I have come to inform this woman that she must go back to Germany."

Miss Radecke was taken to Ellis island where she wept for hours. An attorney representing the persons who had stopped the girl, visited her later and offered to supply funds for her return home, but she spurned his offer and declared she could earn her own livelihood if allowed to land.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 984 Gorham street.

AN XMAS PRESENT FOR YOU

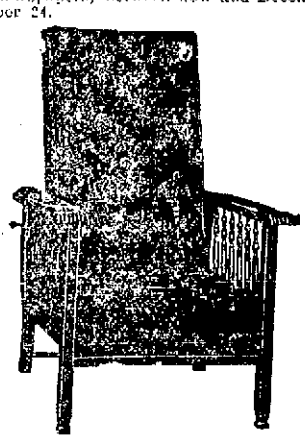
THIS BEAUTIFUL

Morris Chair

GIVEN FREE

(Same as Illustration.)

To the person bringing in the largest number of our coupons (cut from newspapers) between now and December 24.



Bargains in Writing Desks and Sideboards.

Christmas hints a plenty here.

Bellefontaine & Co.

Lowell's Fast Growing Furniture Store.

197-199 MIDDLESEX STREET

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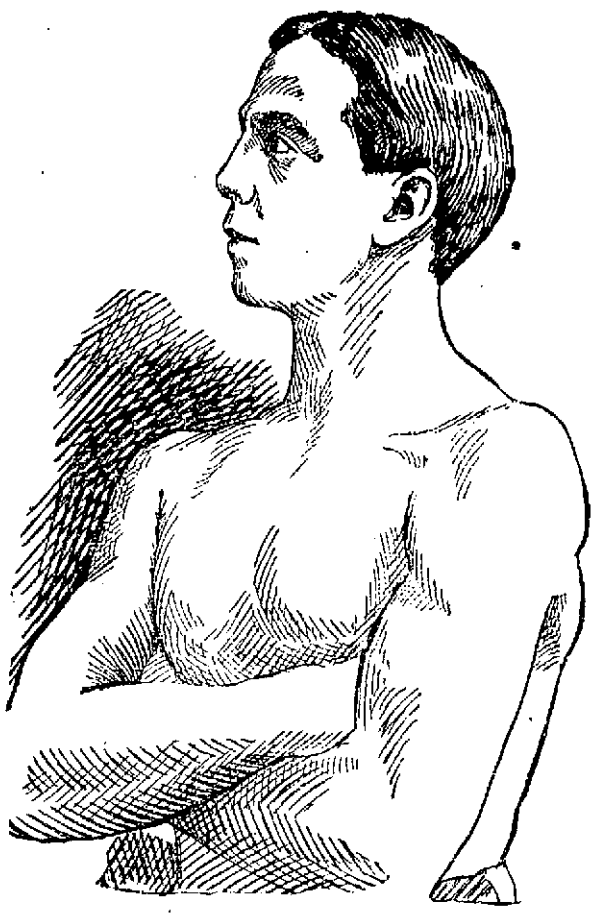
FREE MORRIS CHAIR
Bellefontaine & Co.
Complete House Furnishers.



JIMMY GARDNER.

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Forced Jack O'Keefe to Quit

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., defeated Jack O'Keefe of Chicago here last night in eleven rounds of what was to have been a twenty-round contest. When the gong sounded for the twelfth round O'Keefe's seconds threw up the sponge.

After the first round Gardner showed his superiority by landing vicious rights and lefts frequently to O'Keefe's wind, body and face. In the seventh round O'Keefe was smeared with blood which came from an ugly cut in his under lip. In this round both men rushed and at the end O'Keefe was noticeably weak.

In the eighth round O'Keefe, who was handicapped by his disabled left hip, which was thrown out in the fourth round, landed some effective body punches.

Both men went to their corners looking tired. In the tenth round Gardner landed on O'Keefe's wind with his left and swung to the jaw with his right. O'Keefe went down for the count of nine but came up smiling and in the latter part of the round made Gardner uneasy.

Gardner had his man going in the eleventh, landing smashes to the jaw and to the body almost at will but O'Keefe stood the punishment and did his best to put out Gardner. Blood was gushing from O'Keefe's mouth and his face was much swollen. Gardner escaped without a scratch.

CAN'T KEEP HORSES

Superior Court Gives Injunction Against Archambeault

Mr. A. Archambeault shall not keep horses in his stable in Decatur avenue. Judge Decourcey has issued a decree for an injunction restraining Mr. Archambeault from using as a stable the building in Decatur Avenue where of late he has been keeping two horses on advice of his counsel. The bill for an injunction was brought by City Solicitor Hogan for the board of health while Francis W. Qua was counsel for the undertaker. Mr. Qua announces that he will bring an appeal.

Originally Mr. Archambeault who conducts an undertaking establishment at the corner of Merrimack and Decatur streets built a stable in Decatur Avenue, in the rear of his establishment and on July 11, 1899 the board of health gave him a license to stable horses there.

Then neighbors protested led by Clerk Joseph Smith of the police board and after a lively hearing the board of health voted to revoke his license on August 8, 1899.

Mr. Archambeault then changed his building somewhat turning the upper story into tenements.

Then he applied for a license to stable two horses in the place and once more he was turned down. Finally he sought counsel from Mr. Qua who advised him to use the stable whether the board of health permitted it or not. Under chapter 102, section 69, of the revised laws, while the board was given power to grant licenses nothing was said about revoking them and no such power was expressed by the statute. Hence it was claimed that the board had no power to revoke licenses, and the board having granted Mr. Archambeault a license in 1899 it was still operative.

Thus Mr. Archambeault placed his horses in the stable and the board of health asked City Solicitor Hogan to bring action in court against Mr. Archambeault and City Solicitor Hogan immediately brought injunction proceedings. The case was argued recently before Judge Decourcey and today City Solicitor Hogan received notice from Clerk Holliday of the superior court announcing that Judge Decourcey had handed down a decree for an injunction restraining Mr. Archambeault from stabling horses in the premises described in the complaint.

Mr. Archambeault, therefore, must move his horses while his counsel will appeal from Judge Decourcey's decision.

FUNERALS

RAPSON—Died yesterday at South Lowell, Eliza Rapson, aged 66 years. Funeral tomorrow at 1 o'clock from her home. Friends invited.

ESTATE OF $31,578,268.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16. William L. Elkins, the street railway and gas operator and financier, who died in November, 1903, left an estate worth $31,578,268, according to figures gleaned from the first account of the executors, whose fees amount to $931,382.

The inventory of the estate shows $30,590,523. Since then the accretion an dacounts received swelled the sum by nearly $1,000,000. Debts amounting to $1,722,424 were paid up to November 30.

TWO HOLIDAYS

Working People Get Two Days Off

CHRISTMAS WILL BE OBSERVED MONDAY

Mills and Stores Closed on the 26

Christmas will fall on Sunday this year and the legal observance of the feast will take place on Monday the 26th. In all the churches, Catholic and Protestant the festival will be observed on Sunday, but on Monday the social observance will take place.

All the stores will close all day on the 26th, thus giving their help two days of freedom. The mills will be closed from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

The banks will close all day Monday and notes and other legal papers falling due on Sunday will not be payable until Tuesday, thus giving delinquent payers two extra days. Formerly when a legal holiday fell on Sunday notes due on that day were payable the day previous but now it is the day following.

The stores will keep open every evening of the week before the holiday, beginning next Monday night.

PREMIER TISZA

SAYS HE WILL ORDER NEW ELECTIONS.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 16—At today's session of the lower house of the Hungarian parliament Premier Tisza announced that unless the house organized within three days as required by the standing orders, he would be obliged to dissolve parliament as he desired to appeal to the electors to ascertain whether or not they approved of his course. The premier asked the house to grant him a bill of indemnity for a very brief period so that he might issue writs for the new elections. He added that even if the opposition party resisted his request the elections would be held all the same.

Francis Kossuth, for the opposition, declared there would be no difficulty in granting the bill of indemnity to a government which respected the law but they could not concede it to the Tisza cabinet.

The premier leaves Budapest this evening for Vienna.

SCALP LACERATTD.

Fred Therien, residing at 616 Merrimack street, while at work plastering this morning was struck on the head with a piece of joist, causing a severe laceration of the scalp. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his scalp was sewed.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

John F. Saunders

DEALER IN MEATS AND PROVISIONS

159 Gorham Street, Cor. Summer

—TELEPHONE CONNECTION.—

Fresh Killed Fowl, 12 to 16c lb.
Best Sirloin Roast Beef 12c lb.
Best Rib Roast Beef 8 to 10c lb.
Best Roast Pork 9c lb.
Best Smoked Bacon 12c lb.
Best Hams 11c lb.
Best Smoked Shoulders 8c lb.
Fresh Shoulders 9c lb.
Best Round Steak, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Best Rump and Sirloin Steak 15c lb.
Best Corned Beef 5 to 7c lb.

Best Leg of Veal 10c lb.
Best Short cut Legs Lamb 10c lb.
Best Cape Cod Cranberries 5c qt.
Best Bread Flour 85c bag. $6.75 bbl.
Best Butterine 10 to 15c lb
Best Creamery Butter 5-lb. boxes $1.50
Best Green Mountain Potatoes 18c peck. 70c bushel.
6 lbs. of Large Prunes 25c
20-lb. Pail Compound Lard $1.40.
Fresh Eggs 25c dozen.

CANNED GOODS A SPECIALTY

Best Maine Corn.....3 for 25c
Best Red Salmon.....2 for 25c
Best Peaches.....2 for 25c
Best Peas.....3 for 25c
Best Pears.....3 for 25c
Challenge Milk.....3 for 25c
Good Mince Meat, 7c pkg., 4 pkgs. for 25c
Pink Salmon.....3 cans 25c
Clams.....3 cans 25c

LEGAL STAMPS

SPECIAL ON CORNED BEEF—3 for 1 any kind of Stamps on 6c and 7c Corned Beef.

Lemkin & Carp

24 Prescott Street

The Store of Satisfaction or Money Back

Useful Christmas Presents

SLEEVE ELASTICS, in fancy boxes.....25c, 50c, 75c
SUSPENDERS, in fancy boxes.....25c to $1.50
NECKWEAR Four-in-hands, Teeks, Puffs, Bows and Strings, all the newest shades.....25c, 50c, 75c
MUFFLERS, white, black and fancy silks.....50c to $2.00
SWEATERS, button front or roll collar.....48c to $2.50

Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Underwear, Chains, Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons at Reasonable Prices

Think of Us When Out Shopping

"Bell" Overcoats

The brightest, newest, swellest garments in America. Some with belted military effect, with broad, square shoulders and loose flare skirts, others in more conservative styles, in three quarter length Chesterfields. All the products of well-known manufacturers, and equal in every way to the best work of custom tailors. Look in our show windows, see the goods and prices then come in and try one on, your own judgment will be your guide.

ON THE SQUARE — BELL SHOE AND CLOTHING CO — ON THE SQUARE

31 to 41 Merrimack Street

Open every evening during the week preceding Christmas till 9 o'clock p. m.

All Roads lead to the Bell. Christmas Presents. Warm Winter Clothing. Good Strong Shoes. Ladies' Fashionable Coats and Furs. Men's and Boys' Winter Overcoats

All wise purchasers are wending their way to the great Bargain Sale. Ask your neighbor about us and you will soon join the happy Christmas buyers at our store.

CONDITIONS OF SALE—All goods marked in plain figures, and sold at one price with the distinct understanding that you get your money back if you want it.

Prices and qualities Unparalleled in the History of Lowell

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Good, strong Winter Suits and Overcoats, made from wear resisting fabrics, and guaranteed to be worth $8. All sizes newest styles $5.75

Men's and Young Men's Nobby Stylish Suits and Overcoats in kerseys, Meltons and Beavers. The Overcoats are cut in long and medium lengths, and the suits in single and double-breast sacks. Not a suit or overcoat worth less than $12. $8.75

Every high grade Suit and Overcoat sacrificed at this great sale. Carr's Melton and English Vienna Overcoats in the latest fashionable styles. Dress Suits of imported fabrics. Cannot be equalled for less than $20 ..... $11.75

RUBBERS RUBBERS

500 pairs of Men's Felts, with heavy rolled edge, duck rubber, worth $2.50 ..... $1.98

Men's $1.00 Rolled Edge Rubbers 69 Cts

Men's Light Dress, Jersey, 4 buckle Arctics, $3.00 quality..... $1.96

Women's Light Dress, Jersey, 4 buckle $2.50 Arctics. $1.69

Men's Heavy, Red Lined Arctics, worth $1.50..... $1.10

LADIES' FURS,

First Quality Sable Raccoon Cluster Scarf; 6 fine selected tails. A bargain at $10. Our price $4.79

Australian Opossum Cluster Scarf, selected skins, six fox tails. Worth $7.50..... $6.50

Finest quality Alaska Fox Set, double Pellerine and Pillow Muff, value $60.00. Our price $40.00

Special Selected Quality Sable Alaska Fox Set, worth $5.00. Our price $57.50

Only three—Elegant Black Lynx Sets, cannot be duplicated in Lowell, New York and Boston price $100. Very scarce and exclusive. Our price..... $68.00

Now is the time to select furs for Christmas.

MEN'S TROUSERS

300 pairs of Men's Heavy Wool Pants, sizes 32 to 42 waist, and worth $2.50. To be sold at..... $1.48

Just 160 pairs of Heavy All Wool Black Undressed Worsted Pants, left over from suits, and worth $3. Will be sold at..... $1.87

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Presents are doubly appreciated when their usefulness brings comfort to the recipient. See the Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, and a hundred other suggestions we offer.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS ETC.

Any of the Soft Front Shirts marked from 75c to $1.50. All in at..... 43 Cts

Just 50 dozen Men's Heavy Police and Fireman's Braces, 35c grade, 17 Cts

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF. Saturday, December 10th, we advertised in all the Lowell papers that anyone not perfectly satisfied with their purchase at this store could have their money back for the asking. We made 1640 separate sales on this date, and not one penny's worth of goods have been returned. How's that for satisfaction? How's that for value giving? Think it over and see if it isn't up to you to take advantage of this great sale

BELL SHOE AND CLOTHING CO.

One Price Reliable Outfitters for the Family

EIGHT MORE DAYS

—FOR—

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

LET US HELP YOU

Nothing pleases a lady, Miss or Child more than

FINE FURS

$5000 Worth of New Novelties in Furs Opened This Week.

Fox Neck Pieces, all colors, $5 to $35
Fox Muffs to match.....$7.50 to $17.50
Marten Fur Scarfs.....$7.50 to $25
Mink Fur Scarfs.....$15 to $50
Siberian Marten Scarfs..$2.98 to $15.00
Sable Hare Sets.....$5.00 to $12.50
Ostrich Feather Boas....$7.50 to $17.50
Immense Assortment of Muffs.

Useful and Sensible Holiday Gifts

Rain Coats..$7.50, $10.00, $12.50, $17.50
Tailored Suits, $7.50, $12.50, $17.50 to $30.00
Walking Skirts, $1.98, $2.98, $3.98 to $10.98
Dressing Sacques, 98c, $1.39 and $1.98
Bath Robes.....$1.98, $2.98 to $4.98
Children's Garments, $1.98, $2.98 to $10.00
Misses' Jackets...$4.98, $7.50 to $17.50
Ladies' Coats.....$4.98 to $25.00
Fur Lined Coats.....$25 upwards
Ladies' Capes.....$3.98 to $15.00

Misses' and Children's Furs

Children's Ermine Sets, 98c, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.49
Misses' Ermine Sets.....$4.98
Children's Squirrel Sets, $2.98 and $3.75
Misses' Squirrel Sets.....$10.98
Children's Brook Mink Sets.....$3.49
Misses' Brook Mink Sets.....$6.50
Children's Gray Coney Sets.....$1.98
Misses' Grey Coney Sets.....$4.96
Children's Chinchilla Hare Sets..$1.75
Misses' Chinchilla Hare Sets.....$4.98
Children's White Angora Sets....$1.49
Children's White Thibet Sets....$2.98

CHRIS. HOLMES'

Specialty Store

124---126 Merrimack Street

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SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Some of the sluggers still operate around Boston. Is Judge Emmons powerless to stop them?

The chamber of commerce of Boston is not going to give up its crusade for reciprocity with Canada. A delegation of Boston men has already waited upon the president and Senator Fairbanks in relation to the subject. The joint high commission representing the United States and Great Britain may be reconvened to consider this important question.

PUNISH THE AUTOCRAT.

Congress will probably impeach Judge Swayne of Florida for high crimes and misdemeanors. Judge Swayne has been found guilty of certifying to a larger amount of money than that to which he was entitled in order to swindle the United States government and he has abused the authority vested in him by committing for contempt when the alleged offenses did not warrant such commitments. It is right that he should be impeached and punished. Too many judges are permitted to overstep their authority with impunity. They assume the role of autocrats and often without any warrants in law impose sentences for contempt when their conduct is really reprehensible and deserving of public criticism.

POLITICS IN THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

The postmaster general has discharged a couple of letter carriers for pernicious political activity. It is just as well to discourage electioneering in the department, considering the rottenness recently unearthed as a result of politics honeycombing the department. The prohibition should operate against republicans working for their party as well as against democrats working against republicans. The idea is to keep the men in the department aloof from active participation in political contests, reserving of course their right to vote as they please. How about the postmasters who get leave of absence to conduct political campaigns as they are in the habit of doing in this state and elsewhere? Is not activity in politics as reprehensible in postmasters as in their subordinates?

REVELATIONS OF MORMON ABOMINATIONS.

The testimony in the Reed Smoot hearing in Washington brings out sensational developments in regard to the inside workings of Mormonism. Of course nothing good could be expected from a so called religious system that makes polygamy and immorality its corner stone; but it was not supposed that the members of the church had to take such heinous oaths. Smoot, who has passed through all the degrees must have taken all these oaths, including those for which the penalty of violation consists of disembowelment, of having the throat cut from ear to ear, of having his heart torn out with other mutilations even more disgusting. But the oath which imposes the obligation "never to cease importuning heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets upon this nation" is one that should disqualify any apostle or even a Mormon less distinguished from taking a seat in either branch of the national government or in any of the state governments. Such revelations should cause the United States government to exercise more vigor in stamping out the plague of Mormonism.

ENGLAND AND HER COLONIES.

The question of imperial federation is again to the fore in England and the proposition is made to have the colonies contribute to the expense of imperial defense. Premier Balfour in addressing a deputation that waited upon him in regard to the question of imperial defense hinted that the mother country had assumed all the burdens of defending the colonies while they were in their infancy, and now that the colonies are grown to man's estate, it is time they should contribute towards the burdens of imperial defense of which it was plainly stated Canada had not paid a penny.

Therefore, Canada is confronted with the proposition of paying an annual tribute for this purpose to the mother country.

Here are a few of the comments made upon the subject by the London press as showing the imperial view of the matter, although referring to Canada with evident reserve:

"The Westminster Gazette: The contribution of Canada in proportion to population would be £2,500,000 and the contribution of Australia and New Zealand £3,150,000. There is, of course, no prospect that these sums or anything like them will be forthcoming. We ought to be grateful for what we get, remembering that any gift to be of value must be voluntary and unconditional.

"The Pall Mall Gazette: In the colonies there is still much room for a broader knowledge of the principles of imperial defence for the naval protection of the empire. We must also remember that the colonies have a very strong objection to being treated as children and they are claiming all the rights of mature states. Why should South Africa and Australia be expected to give voluntary contributions if Canada go free and why should Canada go free and why should Canada contribute to a defence fund the expenditure of which she has no voice in?

"The Globe: The solution of the imperial defence question can only be found in the solution of that of imperial federation."

Now Canada has no intention of paying any such amount voluntarily or otherwise. She thinks that it is sufficient to furnish troops to aid the empire in case of war; but on the controversy in view of this proposition by the British premier it is suggested sufficient to furnish troops to aid the empire in case of war; but on the controversy in view of this proposition by the British premier it is suggested by Canadian subjects that Canada should undertake certain measures for its own defense so as to relieve the empire of a part of this burden of which Premier Balfour speaks.

One of these would be the maintenance of a military and naval force such as would be sufficient for all practical purposes in time of peace and capable of developing in time of need. But this is just the thing that England does not want as it is contrary to colonial policy to allow the formation of any large military or naval equipment that might in case of rupture be turned upon herself. She would prefer to furnish the fighting force herself and let the colonies pay the bill.

With the memory of the American colonies still fresh she does not care to put too much faith in the loyalty of any of her colonies, as the idea of independence, especially in the case of Canada, is likely to crop out at any time. Most of the people in the United States and many in Canada believe that the inevitable destiny of Canada is to become a part of the United States by annexation. Canada is bound at some time to take it into her head that she could get along better by cutting loose from the mother country and either establishing her independence or falling in with the United States to complete the natural scope of the great North American republic, for her own good and the unification and greater development of the mineral, industrial and other resources of the great North American continent. The time may be far distant of course, as fifty or a hundred years is but mere trifle in the life of a nation, yet Canada is destined to see the day when she will cast off the British yoke and put on the garb of sovereignty to start upon a career of national glory far to outshine anything in her past history—to be a prosperous, free and independent na-

SEEN AND HEARD

One of the novelties for Christmas is a puzzle bank. It is shaped just like the ordinary safe with the combination lock. The money is dropped in through a slot over the lock. It is impossible to get the coin out unless the secret of how to open the bank is known. The secret is the novelty.

With each bank a powerful little magnet is supplied. Under the box are two small steel rivets which hold the bottom in place. These rivets are held firm by a spring. The magnet when held in the proper place is strong enough to overcome the power of the spring and draw the rivets forward. Then the bottom drops and the money can be taken out.

These magnetic banks are warranted to keep a small boy busy for some time, even after the secret of opening them is known.

For the first time in the history of the county jail a newspaper will be published from that institution, says the Rocky Mountain News. It will be called the Contemnor, and will be edited and issued by the imprisoned election officers now serving terms imposed by the supreme court for contempt.

The scheme was orginated recently, and it met with instant favor. Preliminary arrangements for the publication were set in motion during the day and by last night the project had reached that stage where subscriptions were authorized.

For the present the paper will be issued weekly. Later on it is expected to publish it daily. The managing editor has not yet been decided on definitely, but Frank J. Kratke is mentioned favorably for that post.

He is known as a clever chap, and though he has never written anything for newspapers, his friends say he can wield the pen with the same facility that he talks. It is understood that Kratke will write the salutatory and heavy editorials. The first issue of the Contemnor will appear next week, according to the arrangements so far made. Five thousand copies will be printed. The "copy" for the initial number will be furnished by the prisoners. The printing press will be put in soon.

"It is not a 'josh story' nor is it a 'pipe' about the newspaper scheme. It is straight goods," said the prisoners at the jail. "When the first issue is put on the street it will contain the 'goods'."

In fact report says that it will have some of the "hottest stuff" that has been doled out to the reading public in many a day.

Its advent into the field of journalism will be watched with keen interest and the first number is anticipated with much concern.

Two lads of the same age, similar in appearance, of the same nationality, living in practically the same environment, but having traits of pronounced dissimilarity stood side by side in the central police court yesterday, says the Philadelphia Record, each charged with larceny. They were Abe Seigilbaum and Valesce Marshowitz. Both are 12 years old and are Russian Jews. The story of the Seiglebaum lad's misdeeds takes up a full page in the big record book of the central station. The name of the Marshowitz boy appears only once and opposite it is written "Discharged".

Abe Seigelbaum is declared by the police to be the "worst boy in Philadelphia". He certainly has the most remarkable record of any boy with whom the police have had to deal in many years. Ten times within the past three months he had been arraigned in the Central police court, charged with having robbed women shoppers in the department stores. On all these occasions the youngster has boldly and brazenly denied all charges the police have made, and in the presence of the many spectators in the police court he has cross examined witnesses who testified against him, and argued his cases before Magistrate Kochersperger with remarkable cleverness.

The magistrate, however, always held him to appear in the juvenile court. His course yesterday indicated that he had no hope in argument, for when the magistrate asked him if he had anything to say after Detective Geyer has testified against him, he said, "No, your honor; I have nothing to say at this time; what I have to say, I will say in the juvenile court."

He was arrested on Saturday in a department store on the charge of having stolen a purse from a young woman's cabs. The police say he was caught in the act. When he was arrested a few weeks ago, his mother promised to take him to Newark and keep him there. Some time ago an effort was made to have him deported back to Russia. Magistrate Kochersperger held him in $500 bail to appear in the juvenile court.

In remarkable contrast to this story of the Seiglebaum boy is the story of Valesco Marshowitz. He had been arrested in the store by Detective Geyer on the charge of the attempted theft of a pair of rubber boots. Tears streamed down the boy's cheeks as he explained how he came to be arrested.

The little fellow told how he awoke on Saturday morning, to find the ground covered with snow. The boys who live in the same street were up before him, and their joyous cries as they romped through the snow lured him from bed. Nearly all the youngsters had new, shiny boots. In a few minutes he was out on the street among his happy little neighbors.

The little fellow's feet, protected only by a pair of thin, shabby shoes, were soon cold, but he paid no heed until a red-headed youngster taunted him with having no rubber boots and told him that a kid without rubber boots "was no good." The lad ran home and asked his mother to get him a pair of boots so he could be like the other boys. The little fellow saw the tears in his mother's eyes and he understood.

He had heard the "Kris Kringles" at the big stores, and how they gave things to boys who were good. Straight to one of these stores the boy went. He met a "Kris Kringle" at one of the store entrances. He asked for a pair of boots. "Kris" told him "all right." Not far away was a counter piled with the kind of boots the lad wanted. He took a pair, put them under his arm and started to leave the store. A detective grabbed him and he went to the City Hall into the cell room.

Little by little he told his story, and he was let go, to appear before the magistrate in the morning. The magistrate's heart was touched by the pathetic tale and the lad went home with the promise of a pair of shiny boots being brought to his house before snow comes again.

Rubes from Hay town. Associate hall tonight.

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GENERAL MILES

Will Have Full Rank and Pay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—It is announced that if Gov. Douglas officially requests the war department to detail Lieut. Gen. Miles as his adjutant general, that that request will be immediately honored by the department, which will have the effect of restoring Gen. Miles to the full pay and allowances of a lieutenant general on the active list.

This statement is made to correct numerous misleading publications which have appeared pretending to represent the president as opposed to the detail of Gen. Miles and seeking to humiliate him for past differences of opinion.

The president had no knowledge that Gov. Douglas wanted to secure Gen. Miles as his adjutant general until a few days ago, when his attention was called to the matter by a publication in a Boston paper.

As soon as he ascertained that the statement correctly represented Gov-elect Douglas' views he wrote to Gen. Oliver, the acting secretary of war, the president's letter bearing the date Dec. 12 instructing him in effect that if Gov. Douglas requested the assignment of Lieut. Gen. Miles as his adjutant general the request should be granted on the most favorable terms to Gen. Miles that the law would allow, which means that under the provisions of the Dick militia law, when a governor requests the detail of an officer on the retired list he becomes entitled to his full pay while employed in a military capacity by the state.

IT'S TO BE ASST. ADJT. GEN. CAPELLE.

Lieut. Col. William C. Capelle, one of the few survivors of the staff of Gov. John A. Andrew, and who has spent nearly 50 years in the military service of the state, is to be appointed assistant adjutant general of the state militia by Gov. Douglas.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Two large and appreciative audiences attended the performances of "Dora Thorne" yesterday afternoon and evening at the Academy of Music. The play is taken from Bertha M. Clay's celebrated novel of the same name. The story of "Dora Thorne" had been carefully followed and the production is excellent. The construction of the play has been careful, the hackneyed style of dramatizing a novel having been eliminated. It is justly entitled to rank as one of the season's successes.

The play deals with a beautiful love story in a rural English home. An innocent young girl, daughter of a lodge keeper of an Englishman of high birth, is loved by the son of the latter. The match meets with the disfavor of the young man's father, but despite the fact that his father informs him either to give up the girl or his home and luxury, he chooses Dora Thorne and marries her.

The young girl, a pure and honest creature, loves the young man quite as well as he loves her, but through the efforts of a young sailor who has loved the girl from early childhood and who also desires to make her his wife, the young people are separated and made to believe later that each has been unfaithful to the other. This state of things comes about as a result of the efforts of Lady Chartaris and the father of the earl.

The young sailor returns after a two years' voyage, to find that the young lady's favor has been transferred from him to the young nobleman and several complications arise from this which for a time take on a serious aspect, both for the young lady and her lover. The time arrives when honesty and faithfulness triumph, and the closing scenes find everything favorable for the young folks.

An exceptional cast and effective special scenery have brought the play up to the top notch of success. Miss Cuba Niblo who portrays the part of "Dora Thorne" upon her first appearance played herself into favor with the audiences, for her portrayal of the title role is little short of perfection, and her excellent stage work, grace and ease of manner, fine voice and thrilling action in the climaxes bring one's thoughts back to the trials and triumphs of "Dora Thorne" as read.

As Lady Chartaris, Miss Isabel Sherman won merited applause throughout for her excellent acting. Stephen Thorne, portrayed by Mr. George C. Denton, was well done, while all of the other members of the company were equally clever in their respective parts.

"Dora Thorne" will be presented this afternoon and evening, and the same piece will be given two performances tomorrow.

IRON MOULDERS' DANCE.

The 15th annual social and dance under the auspices of the Iron Moulders' union was held last night in Association hall. There was a large attendance and the affair was a grand success both from a social and financial standpoint. Between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock Kittredge's staging orchestra rendered a pleasing concert which was followed by dancing.

The officers of the affair were as follows:

General manager, James Murphy; assistant, John Ward; floor director, Charles Crowley; assistant, Charles Emerson; chief aid, Daniel Moran.

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SIGN BIG DOG BESS.

TO GIVE RELIEF

Irish Parliamentary Party Takes Action

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—The meeting of the Irish parliamentary party to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland and consider means to force the government to provide for the immediate necessities of the case and to "put the land act in operation in Connaught and other poor districts" was held here yesterday under the presidency of John Redmond.

A resolution was passed condemning the government for the existing distress in Ireland, demanding that immediate steps be taken to relieve it and also demanding that powers be given for the distribution of land in the poor districts.

The local government board, however, to some degree, forestalled the meeting by taking steps which it is considered will be effective in relieving the tenants who are affected by the failure of the potato crop.

The meeting was held in the Mansion house, and there were present John Dillon, T. C. Harrington, Joseph Devlin and Sir H. G. Esmonde and a majority of the nationalist members of the house of commons. Resolutions were unanimously adopted, the last of which is as follows:

"We feel bound to condemn in the strongest terms the conduct of Irish landlords in aggravating the distress by pressing for full rents and arrears in this disastrous year and issuing ejectment processes by wholesale.

"We believe that the proceedings are the result of a deliberate conspiracy to use distress for the purpose of coercing the people to agree to the purchase of their holdings at ruinous prices."

ARRESTED HERE

BEGGAR WHO LOCKED ARMS WITH COLLEGE PRESIDENT.

The beggar with whom President Hadley of Yale had a hand-to-hand struggle Wednesday, was arrested in this city by Inspector Walsh about one year ago. He gave the same name, C. S. Porter, here, as in Cambridge, but the story of the terrific struggle as it appeared in the Boston papers must have been mightily overdrawn. Porter is a cripple and incapable of putting up a fight.

Husking Bee, 25c tonight, Associate hall.

FOR MISS AYER

RECEPTION GIVEN BY MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK AYER.

In their superbly appointed home, 395 Commonwealth avenue, Boston yesterday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ayer, formerly of Lowell gave the second in their series of receptions for their debutante daughter, Miss Beatrice Ayer, and brought together a large number of friends and relatives. The house was trimmed with flowers and plants. Mrs. Ayer was gowned in pink panne velvet and carried Catherine Mermet roses. At her side stood Miss Ayer, a full fair girl of an artistic personality, in white point d'esprit over silk with trimmings of narrow satin ribbons done in true lover's knots. A pearl necklace completed the toilet and she carried lilies of the valley.

The ushers were Messrs. John Rogers, Bradford Holmes of Lowell, F. W. Beitnick-Smith, S. Gannett Wells, Dr. Alfred S. Taylor and Dr. James C. Ayer of New York, Whendon Wittredge and Courtney Crocker. At the head of the staircase was stationed the Boston Symphony orchestra. In the palm room refreshments were served by a group of pretty girls in summer gowns. The Misses Marie Barnes, Lucy Swan, Judith Longyear, May Weston, Dorothy Bailes, Margaret Head, Ethel Fay and Alice Bradford presided at the tables. The grandmother of the debutante, Mrs. W. L. Banning of St. Paul, Minn., was present and was gowned in black velvet, carrying a bouquet of violets. The young sister of the debutante, Miss Katherine Ayer, and Miss Katherine Benning of Los Angeles, Cal., together with Miss Rosalind Wood, niece of the debutante and her mother, Mrs. William Wood, busied themselves in presenting the young people to each other. Dancing followed the reception, which lasted from 4 to 7 o'clock.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Bourke, 881 Gorham street.

LOWELL CASES

DISPOSAL OF IN SUPERIOR COURT AT CAMBRIDGE YESTERDAY.

The Lowell cases other than that of George M. Bingham, the story of whose trial appears in another column were as follows:

Fred McMonagle pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and was placed on probation.

James T. Moran pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny from the person and was sentenced to eight months in the house of correction.

At the conclusion of yesterday's session the case of Lewis Mullinch for receiving stolen property was being heard.

POLICE TOO FAT

HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE FORCE.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 16—There is a sensation in police circles. Members of the fire and police commission held a meeting at which it developed that the police department was inefficient. As a result five of the oldest members must step out to make room for younger men. Some of those to lose their heads have been in the service for over a quarter of a century. It is claimed the officers are too fat and slow, and are not capable of performing the duties required to chase and capture law breakers. There is nothing against the men except age and the fact that they are not lively enough.

THOMAS LAWSON

HIS CASE WITH LOWELL MAN WILL BE HEARD IN MARCH.

The case of James F. Puffer of this city who sued the famous Thomas Lawson of Boston for several hundred dollars said to arise from stock speculations will not be tried until March. Mr. Lawson, it is alleged, insists upon a jury trial.

PUTNAM & SON CO., 166 Central Street

Christmas Buying Is in Full Swing

Our splendid business the past two weeks shows that useful things are to the fore this year for Christmas gifts.

We've made some important price reductions, within a day or two, on fine overcoats and suits—just when you're ready to buy at full prices.

Rogers-Peet's Finest Overcoats lined with silk, that were $40, now marked down to **$30**

Rogers-Peet's Overcoats, two lots that were $30 and $32, regular overcoats and Paddocks are offered as Christmas attractions, for **$25**

Rogers-Peet's Overcoats, several broken lots that sold for $20 and $25—got together and marked **$15**

Handsome Tourist Coats that sold up to $25—what are left go now for **$20**

Tourist Overcoats, smart and handsome patterns, from small lots that were $20, not all sizes of one kind, but all sizes of some kind, now **$15**

New Lots of Tourist Overcoats, fresh, stylish and attractive, opened today, for **$10**

Four Lots of Rogers-Peet's new winter suits, sold for $20 and higher, marked down to fill our lines at **$15**

Young Men's Suits, new double and single breast styles, black Thibets and brown mixtures, marked down as a Christmas bargain, to **$8**

Handsome Umbrellas for Men, Women and Children.

A Sale of 1000 Umbrellas at a Saving of One-Third.

Our umbrella manufacturer turned over to us his entire sample line of umbrella handles, the designs brought out for the holiday trade. They had served his purpose and we bought them at an average of one-third less than regular. These handles we have had mounted on umbrellas made to our order, so that we guarantee every umbrella to be perfect. The handles are strictly new designs in pearl, solid silver capped, silver trimmed, natural wood, imported horn, rolled gold plate, burnt ivory, changeable pearl, buckhorn, silver trimmed ivory and German Silver. Fine cases and tassels on each umbrella and boxed.

HERE ARE THE PRICE DETAILS:

Women's Union Silk Taffeta, value $2.00, for	$1.25
Women's Fine Silk Taffeta, value $3.00, for	$2.00
Women's Fine Taffeta Silk, value $3.50, for	$2.50
Women's Fine Silk Taffeta, value $4.00, for	$3.00
Women's Fine Silk Taffeta, value $6.00, for	$4.00
Men's Fine Carola, Horn and Mounted Handles, value $1.50, for	98c
Men's Fine Carola, Boxwood and Silver Trimmed Handles, value $2.25, for	$1.50
Men's Fine Silk Umbrellas, value $4.00, for	$3.00
Men's Fine Silk Umbrellas, value $6.00, for	$4.00
Children's Carola, Trimmed Handles, value $1.25, for	75c
Children's Fine Carola, Silver Trimmed, value $1.50, for	98c
Children's Silk Taffeta, value $2.00, for	$1.25

Men's House Coats and Bath Wraps

A handsome collection of these desirable and useful garments, cut and made by clothing manufacturers, so that style and fit are assured.

The House Coats are of plain cloths or cloths of solid color with plaid back, the collar and cuffs contrasting with the plain body color of the coat, **$4, $5, $6 and $7.**

Men's Bath Wraps, made full and long as a wrap should be made, in new and effective patterns, **$5 to $15.**

Boys' Bath Wraps, to fit boys 10 years of age to 16. No more useful present for the youngster, $4.

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Every pair in a handsome box; all of the newest designs and in dainty colorings. A showing of which we are especially proud and we believe the collection unmatched in New England. These new dainty silk suspenders, **50c pr**

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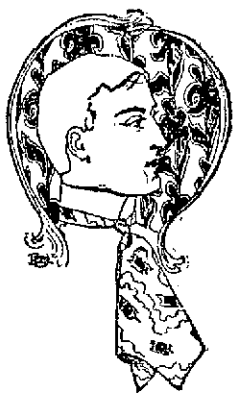

Rich Neckwear Rich Neckwear

Two thousand as handsome silk scarfs as were ever shown. Here is a display of beautiful neckwear gathered especially for our great Christmas trade—and bought at a very great reduction on account of our large purchase. Large English Squares, of rich heavy silk, new French Four-in-Hands, 2 3-4 inches wide. The very newest shape—ties that would regularly retail for $1.00 we have secured for our Christmas trade and offer for **50c**

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The best magazine published in America for boys. It comes every month, nearly 500 pages in the year, handsomely illustrated, filled with just such interesting and instructive articles as boys love. The subscription price is one dollar a year. **It Won't Cost You One Cent.** With every purchase in our Boys' Department amounting to $5.00 or over, we give your boy a card properly filled out entitling him to a whole year's subscription to **The American Boy Magazine.** All he has to do is to present his card in our Boys' Department each month for a year and receive the magazine. Your purchase of $5.00 may consist of as many articles as you wish to buy; clothing, caps, furnishing goods, gloves, everything you care to buy counts in making up the amount.

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Suits, for large boys	$2.00 to $8.00	Suspenders, boxed	25c
New Winter Caps	25c to 50c	Silk Bows	10c to 23c
New Tams	35c to $1.00	Four-in-Hands	23c
Toques	35c to 50c	Windsor Scarfs	10c to 25c
Sweaters	45c to $1.50	Umbrellas	c to $1.25
Underwear	19c to 63c	Sleeve Links	25c to 50c
Wool Gloves	20c to 45c	Scarf Pins	25c to 50c
Wool Mitts	8c to 20c	Bath Wraps	$4.00
Leather Gloves, lined	19c to 45c	Small Boys' Overcoats	$2.00 to $6.00

PUTNAM & SON CO., 166 Central St.

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF OLD SANTA CLAUS

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The Bon Marche

To avoid a misunderstanding customers will please note that only ONE Jungle ticket is given with an individual purchase of 50c or more. If you buy $1 worth or $2 worth it only entitles you to one ticket. Not one ticket for every 50c purchased.

A WORD OF ADVICE

We wish we could so strongly impress upon your mind the advisability of early Xmas buying that you would take heed thereof, and fully realize how much more complete the stocks are now than they will be a week hence. In the matter of delivery, we will hold them for you until you want them. **If you can see your way clear to shop early, won't you do so for your own sake as well as ours?**

The Bon Marche

New Fresh Nuts 2 Lbs For 25c.

Nickle Nut Cracker free with every package. In the Basement.

Delicious Honey Kisses

20c LB. In the Basement.

Christmas Slippers for Men, Women and Children

At 49c you can buy a good pair for men's wear. 98c secures a pair all leather. Several patterns to choose from. Women's Slippers, fur trimmed, at 49c and 98c; Boys' and Youths' Slippers, a good line at 49c; Misses' and Children's Slippers, upwards from 49c.

Have You Seen the Wonderful Mechanical Bell Made of

Handkerchiefs?

In our window there is displayed a mechanical device in the shape of a huge bell, which upon opening discloses a beautiful lily with smiling doll faces as flowers. It is worth coming a long distance to see. Not only in the windows but spread upon counters and tables are thousands upon thousands of dainty handkerchiefs fit for the use of a queen. **'Tis surprising what a pretty conceit can be secured for 12½c.** Dainty squares trimmed with lace or embroidery. Twenty-five cents will buy a better one and so up. In Women's Initial 12½c will buy one all linen; 25c will secure one of finer texture and finish.

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs................12½c and 25c
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs..................25c and 50c
Men's Silk Mufflers...........50c to $1.00 and upwards
Children's Handkerchiefs.............15c, 19c, 25c Box

Many other styles of which space forbids a mention.

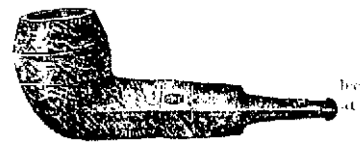
Headquarters For

Catholic and French Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Etc.

See our line of Prayer Books at 49c and 98c. We believe you'll say they are the best for the money you've ever seen. Soft flexible bindings, plain printing, and the line of Pearl Rosary Beads in fancy boxes at 50c are sure to cause much favorable comment. You can buy them out of the boxes for 25c. Other styles in beads from 10c to $2.50. Scapulars, 7c to 25c.

Extra Space for Leather Goods.

We found ourselves cramped for room, so we have taken the circular counter opposite elevator and arranged it with popular priced goods. Twenty-five cents, fifty cents, and one dollar grades you'll find in great profusion. Wrist Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Pocketbooks, Purses, Music Rolls, Cigar Cases, etc. One special number to which we direct your attention is an 8-inch Wrist Bag (furnished) with either strap or braided handle, for 50c. The colors are black, brown and tan, in imitation of sea lion, walrus and seal. Also a Music Roll of solid leather at same price. The colors are black and natural. These two numbers are typical of many others which you'll find upon our counters, but lack of room debars them from publicity.



A Handsome Line of **Holiday Pipes** Just Received

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Other styles up to $3.00.

Gold Plated and Other Kinds of Mirrors.

See "Our Special" Untarnishable Plate at 59c. They are 12 inches high and 8 inches wide, gold plate, worth 75c. Other styles up to $5.00.

Triplicate Mirrors..................25c, 50c and upwards
Chipped Plate Glass Mirrors......10c, 25c and upwards
Aluminum Mirrors ....4c, 10c and upwards
Wood Back Mirrors .... 25c, 49c and upwards
Wood Back Shaving Mirrors..........................49c, 98c and upwards

A Wide Range of

Wantable Gift Things in Jewelry.

Neck Chains, long, medium and short lengths, 25c to $5.50
Belt Buckles and Sets, imported and domestic, 25c to $6
Rings (W. L. & Co's), a guarantee with every ring, fancy settings, engraved bands and plain gold, 25c to $2.50
Lorgnette Chains..........................25c to $10
Beauty Pins..................................10c to $4.50
Belt Brooches ....25c to $5.00
Bead Necklaces...........................25c to $4.00
Scarf Pins ....10c to $4.50
Hat Pins ....5c to $3.00
Cuff Links ....25c to $7.00
Fob Chains ....25c to $5.00
Bracelets ....25c to $7.50
Fan Chains ....25c to $4.98

A Superb Showing of Men's, Women's and Children's

Holiday Umbrellas.

Every style of handle conceivable—pearls with combination trimmings of silver and gold. Horns, Dresdens and the natural woods. We have made it a point to give our patrons waterproof coverings and every Umbrella at a dollar or more bears the trademark "Rainproof."

AT 98c YOU'LL FIND 25 STYLES IN WOMEN'S, 15 STYLES IN MEN'S, AND 6 STYLES IN CHILDREN'S to choose from, and if you don't say they are as chic a line of handles as you ever saw for the money, we'll be greatly disappointed.

WE ARE ALSO VERY STRONG IN THE $1.49 AND $1.98 LINES.

Initial engraved free of charge on $1.00 and better grades.

Our Line of Xmas Candy Touches Just the Right Spot.

Ribbon Candy ....10c lb.
Havana Raisins.................10c lb.
Lanterns with Candy, 5c and 10c each
Candy Chestnuts...............20c lb.
Air Rock Candy..................10c lb.
Butter Scotch.........5c and 10c pkg.
Golden Puffs ....20c lb.
Salted Peanuts...................15c lb.
Chocolates............14c, 20c and 40c
Animal Candy ....2½c each
Assorted Mixtures......10c and 20c lb.
Salted Almonds...............10c pkg.
Fruit Candy.......................10c lb.
Cocoanut Candy................10c lb.
Nut Candy.............10c and 20c lb.
Salted Pecans.................10c pkg.

Christmas Suggestions in Men's Furnishings.

Men's Fancy ½ Hose, 12½c to 50c
Men's Fancy Cashmere Hose, 15c to 50c
Men's Night Shirts, 50c to $1.00
Men's Kid Gloves, 50c to $1.75
Men's Fancy Negligee Shirts, 50c and $1.00
Men's Pajamas, $1.00 and $1.50
Fancy Suspenders, in boxes, 25c to $1.50
Men's Wool Gloves, 25c and 50c
Men's Sweaters, $1.00 to $3.00
Neckwear, 25c and 50c
Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens, 12½c to 50c
Boys' Sweaters, 50c to $1.50

Handsome

Floral Calendars

10 CENTS EACH.

Hand Brushes and Combs

In all the Wantable Styles.

Wood Back Brushes..15c to $2.00
Celluloid Brushes....49c to $2.00
Keep Clean Brushes..39c to $1.50
Baby Brushes.........10c to 50c
Nail Brushes..........10c to 50c
Rubber Dressing Combs 5c to 50c
Celluloid Dressing Combs, 10c to 60c
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Baby Dressing Combs..15c to 25c
Combs in Cases........5c to 25c

1905 Standard Diaries

A splendid showing at 25c, 49c and 69c.

Fancy Embroidered

Silk Tab'e Covers and Mantel Scarfs

A charming assortment in a wide range of wantable colors, deep silk fringe. Prices start at $1.49 and go up by easy stages to $10.

Santa Claus receives children accompanied by their parents or grown ups, in the morning from 10.30 until 11.30.

Continuation of Our

China and Glassware Sale

5 More Cases of Japanese and 6 More Cases of Austrian Ware.

The new arrivals consist of beautiful Salads, Cake Plates and Vases. These in addition to our advertised offerings of last week make an assortment as complete as one could wish for. The one feature which should impress you is this:

THEY WERE BOUGHT FROM 2-3 TO 1-2 REGULAR PRICES

And are being sold accordingly. In the assortment are Cups and Saucers, Hair Receivers, Trays, Bon Bons, Olives, Pickles, Salads, Celerys, Chocolate Pots, Creamers, Berry Sets, Wine Sets, Water Sets, Tea Sets, etc. Prices range from

10c TO $10.00.

Santa Claus receives children accompanied by their parents or grown ups, in the afternoon from 2.30 until 4 o'clock.

18 Sweet, Juicy Jamaica Oranges

FOR 25c.

In the Basement.

Boys' 25c Fleece Lined

Shirts and Drawers

19c A GARMENT.

Grey, blue and camel's hair color, pearl buttons, size 16 to 30 in shirts, 22 to 30 drawers. A bargain.

Hand Painted

Passe-partout Mottoes

29c EACH

An Attractive Line of Fancy

Perfume Baskets, Boxes, China Jugs and Vases.

Baskets trimmed with ribbons, linings of colored cotton, perfume in fancy bottles. Boxes of perfume, soap and sachet. Jugs and vases daintily trimmed with ribbon. The prices range from 10c to $2.00. Strong numbers at 10c, 25c and 49c.

Have You Seen the "Harvest Moon" One of the Best Subjects in Our

Excellent Collection of Pictures.

Upwards of 200 subjects from which to make selection. This exhibition is on second floor, in Drapery Section. "The Harvest Moon," size 45x25, at $3.98 is one special number which we consider the best value we have ever shown, in fact the whole line bear the ear marks of superiority, but this special picture is more than superior; it is remarkable. If you will take special notice of the size you will agree with us. The frame is made from heavy gilt moulding, handsomely finished, and if it is worth anything it is worth $6.00.

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QUARTERED OAK FRAMES—With a choice of fifteen subjects. The subjects are desirable for dining-rooms, etc. The size is 24x19 and $1.50 would be cheap for them. Our price.................... 98c

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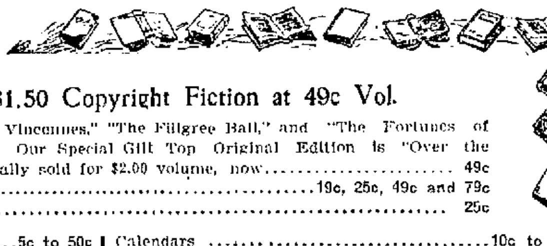
Have You Ever Thought About Portieres for Xmas Gifts?

We are showing a splendid assortment and the prices are most reasonable. You can get a very nice pair for $3.98, but the prices range from..............................$1.98 to $15.00

Or Lace, Muslin or Net Curtains, all kinds and styles to choose from, prices range from.......29c to $15.00

Busy as Bees in the

Book Section.



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Choice Fiction, excellent bindings, at 25c

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Four of the Best Women's Gloves Made for $1.00 Pair.

Wortheimer's Pique, one or two clasp, self and white points. All the wantable shades.
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Have You Thought About

Blankets or Comforters.

As Xmas gifts? Could or would anything be more acceptable? You can buy a nice pair of blankets for $5.00, or an excellent Bed Puff for $3.50. Of course we also have grades better and cheaper—for instance:

DOWN PUFFS—A special at $4.98. Other styles up to $20.

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Toyland and All Its Wonders

Waiting for You to Come.

To assist you in shopping with greater ease and comfort, it would be well for you to bear in mind that all the large wooden and mechanical toys are on the second floor. These include express wagons, writing desks, sleds, doll carriages, rocking chairs, furniture sets, drums, tool chests, rocking horses, mechanical engines, autos, ducks, hens, dogs, cats, men, donkeys and teams, steam engines, magic lanterns, etc. The smaller toys and friction hill climbers are in the basement. Take the elevator when going from one floor to the other. We wish to call your attention to these hill climbers. They do not readily get out of order and can stand a lot of rough usage. They are made in autos, patrol fire engines, locomotives and sell for 49c and 98c. Among the smaller toys you will find ten pins, nodding animals, folding tables, horns, whips, rattles, gordegogord toys and the thousand and one other things dear to the childish heart. The 5c, 10c, 25c and 49c counters are always the centres of activity.

AT · CHRISTMAS · TIME

By BERNARD ISRAEL

My soul goes back through the ages dim
To the shores of the Past, till it reaches Him,
The Child who unto the world was born
On that faroff, primal Christmas morn;
And I hear in spirit the gates unswing
And the distant chorus of angels sing
That song whose sweet strains echo still,
The wonderful carol of "Peace, good will."
I follow the Child through the weary days
Of His pilgrimage. I see Him raise
The poor, the suffering and the weak;
And He is gentle and kind and meek,
Sowing the seeds of love and good
And preaching the gospel of brotherhood.
I follow Him up the stony ways,
Bearing His cross to Calvary;
And I see Him strong in His agony,
As He gives His life for the human race—
Till I feel of all seasons the most sublime
Is the sacred season at Christmas time—
At Christmas time.

There's suffering in the sad old world
Today, my brothers. There's work to do,
A duty open to each of you,
Until the banner of love's unfurled
Above the nations of all the earth,
And the better era is come to birth:
To lift the fallen and teach the right;
To help the needy and spread the light;
To preach, not narrow and outworn creeds,
But higher thinking and nobler deeds;
To help the world in its onward way,
And up the mountains of Progress climb,
Till over the mists of bigotry
And night of selfishness we may see
On the hills of the Future the rays sublime
Of the rising sun of a grander day;
Till we hear the bells of the kingdom chime
O'er all the nations at Christmas time—
At Christmas time.

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Longest Subway In the World, Which Is Under Chicago

EVER since the opening of her subway and a long time before the occurrence of that epochal event the metropolis has been felicitating herself upon the length of her subterranean roadway as compared with similar excavations elsewhere. Now, it appears, the cause of her jubilation is no longer operative. The city of Chicago has recently electrified the world, including her own citizens, who seem to have been unconscious of the fact, that she is constructing a subway which will be sixty miles in length when completed. Twenty-two and a half miles of it are already finished and will be opened on Jan. 1, 1905.

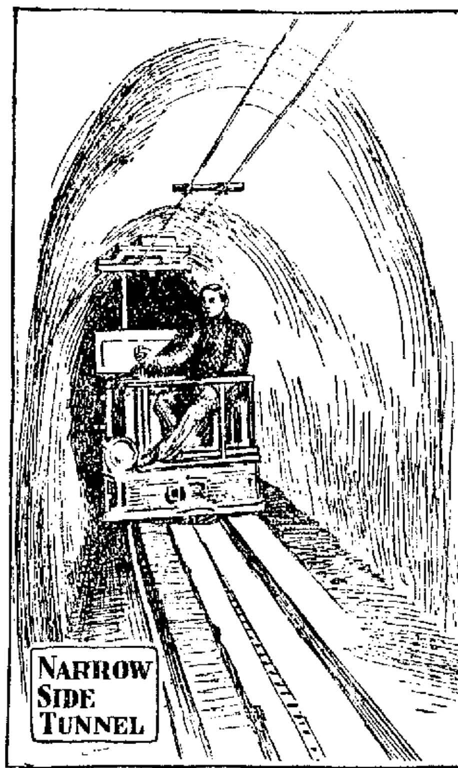
One reason why the construction of the Chicago subway has been under way for several years without exciting the suspicion of the city official force and a majority of the inhabitants is to be found in the fact that the great enterprise does not contemplate the carrying of passengers. On that account also, although the tunnel is about twenty-four feet below the street level, the Chicago public is not distressing itself over the absence of oxygen and the superabundance of carbon dioxide in the tube or lying awake at night devising a proper system of ventilation for it.

The Chicago subway is designed solely for the transportation of freight. It is expected that after the road is opened for business on Jan. 1 at least 50,000 tons of freight will be transported daily. When fully equipped the road will have a supply of 3,000 cars. These small cars will not be provided with electric motors, but will be drawn by 150 electric engines of simple construction. The trains will be operated between the half dozen great freight stations of the thirty-eight trunk and branch railroad lines which enter Chicago.

Although it will carry no passengers, the new subway will be a huge comfort to the people of Chicago. All of the freight stations of that city stand within a section less than two miles square. Naturally the streets of that section, which is also the shopping district, are constantly filled with trucks and heavy wagons making their way through them. The subway runs under almost every street in this district. Many of the business houses have connected their buildings with the new way and will hereafter keep the streets in front of them perfectly clear of packages. No coal will be unloaded in the streets, and ashes will be removed from the buildings through the subterranean outlet.

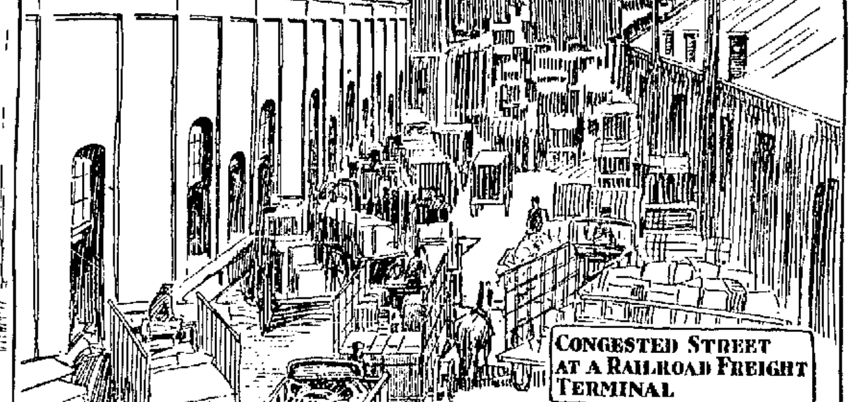
The subway cars are small and numerous. They are a little over ten feet in length and are capable of carrying fifteen tons each. They may be lifted to the side of the terminal freight cars by means of elevators. In connection with the subway there will be conducted a large storage business. Heretofore merchants have frequently found it inexpedient to buy in large quantities, even when the market was most favorable, because storage facilities were limited. Hereafter they will be able to take advantage of the market to any extent they deem prudent, with the certainty of finding abundant storage until such time as the market makes their goods seasonable.

Owing to the small size of the tunnel it was not found possible to use engines heavy enough to pull the cars by means of the gripping process, and it was necessary to originate a new method of taking up the electric current and providing the suitable pulling power. In the center of the track is a rack partially covered. The electric current passes along this conductor. It is taken up through a cog wheel, which it is expected will pull the train along. This method is purely experimental as yet, and it is not improbable that the overhead trolley will be found to be more practicable. It is announced that the trains will travel at the rate of about twenty miles an hour. While the road will have a gauge of only two feet, the cars have been so designed that they will accommodate any article which will pass through the door of a standard gauge freight car.



NARROW SIDE TUNNEL

FREIGHT TRAIN IN A TRUNK TUNNEL



CONGESTED STREET AT A RAILROAD FREIGHT TERMINAL

There are two sizes of tubes in the subway. The trunk lines, which extend beneath the principal streets, are 11 feet 2½ inches in width and 12 feet 6 inches in height. The branch lines, which turn off into the intersecting streets, are 6 feet in width and 7 feet 6 inches in height. They are arched and laid up with cement. At the street intersections there are what are termed four way crossings. The track system connects with a three way switch, which permits the operation of trains east and west as well as north and south. The trains will be run on the loop system.

The origin of the subway was most unique—so different from the ordinary beginning of such enterprises, in fact, that it is worthy of being put on record. The Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company in 1899 secured a franchise to lay its cables in a conduit under the streets. In 1903 the mayor and council of Chicago were surprised to receive an application from the company for an amended franchise giving it the further privilege of transporting the mails, parcels, packages, coal and light freight. The council was astounded to find that the company which had been permitted to bore a cable conduit had excavated a subway. There was a lively awakening, and the company was treated to an exhibition of genuine aldermanic thunder. In time, however, the storm subsided, and the company was permitted to go on with its scheme. It was compelled to agree that the system might be made eventually the nucleus of a municipal subway. Having secured the toleration of the city guardians, the builders pushed the work with great assiduity. The merchants, realizing the immense value of the scheme to them, came forward with much readiness to enter into contract with the company.

According to a conservative estimate, the cost of operating and maintaining the former freight transportation facilities in the heart of Chicago's business district is $50,000,000 each year. It is believed that the new system of handling freight will reduce this sum more than 40 per cent. The chief sufferer by the arrangement will be the members of the Teamsters' union.

Plans for a passenger subway are being actively discussed in Chicago financial and municipal circles. It is announced that it will be ready for use in about thirty months. This contemplated subway will contain ten miles of double track and will cost over $18,000,000. According to the most feasible plan, it will be built above the freight tunnel. It will be a decided improvement upon all subterranean roadways heretofore constructed and will be supplied with several unique conveniences, one of them will be a ten foot walk, by means of which passengers may go underground to any station desired. It will also contain galleries for pneumatic, gas, steam, water and sewer pipes.

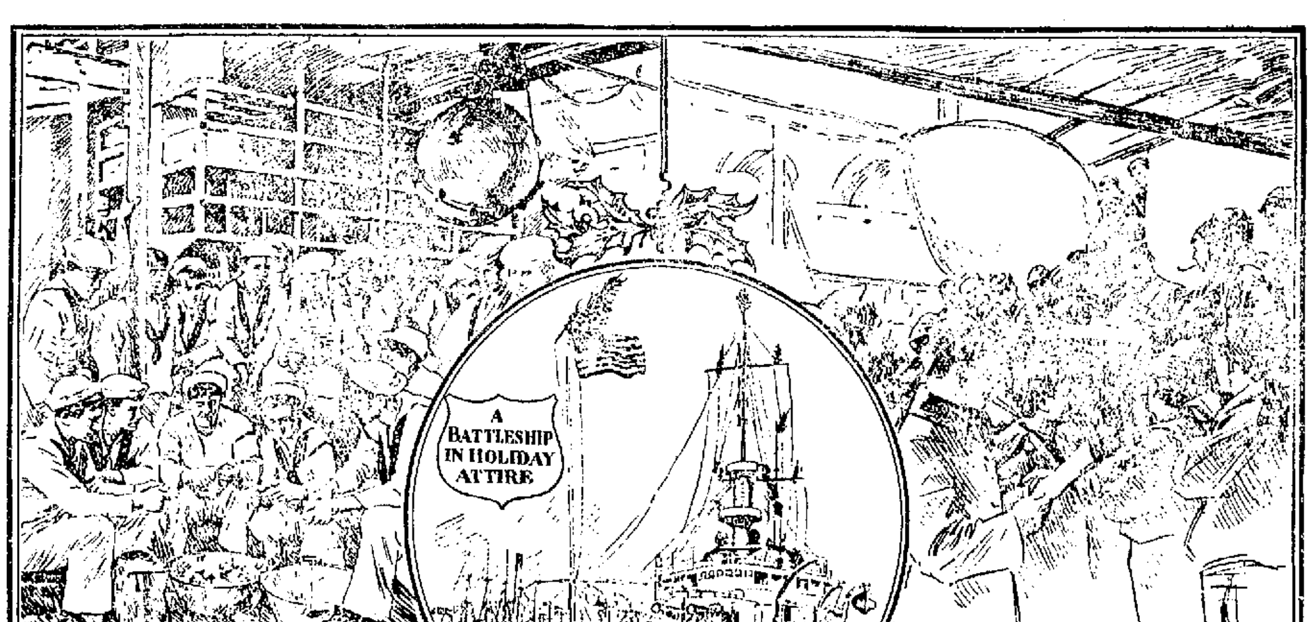
ANDREW J. DOWNS.

How Christmas Comes to Some Young Government Wards

AMONG all the various proteges over whom Uncle Sam exercises a quasi paternal guardianship there is none to whom the holiday season comes more acceptably than to the naval recruit, often a mere lad on the border line between the joyous irresponsibility of boyhood and the more serious life to come. His tender years have chafed under the discipline to which he has been subjected, but he has resisted manfully the inclination to kick over the traces, and now the coming of the Christmas time makes all things roseate. He is a bright young specimen of humanity, this lad who is being taught the business of naval warfare, and not enough has been written of him. He is one of the breeziest and most interesting features of the new American navy.

There has been such a dearth of properly qualified officers and seamen that extraordinary measures have been resorted to in an effort to bridge over the deficiency. In order to increase the output of officers class after class has been graduated ahead of time at the Naval academy, and the capacity of the school has been enlarged greatly. To provide extended sources of supply in the able seaman class there has been an enlargement of the training stations at Newport and at San Francisco, and a new station is to be established on the great lakes at a cost of $250,000. Most important of all, new training squadrons have been organized on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

These new fleets of training ships are made up of thirteen vessels, comprising nearly a fifth of the total tonnage of the navy and manned by one-fourth of the government's entire naval force. Upon these ships it will be possible to educate at one time at least 3,000 men, more than three fourths of whom can be accommodated on the Atlantic coast. Under this new system enlisted men will be given more thorough instruction than ever before, since the course will be uniform and not dependent upon the whim of each captain of a training ship, as was [illegible] The proposed [illegible]ed naval station on the great lakes will mark a new era in American naval instruction. Prior to the Spanish-American war Uncle Sam recruited practically all of the men for his navy from the cities along the seacoast and in the [illegible] of twenty [illegible] native born citizen. With the rapid development of the navy and the famine of seamen the department turned its anxious eyes inland, and recruiting officers were soon enrolling in the middle west thousands of bright boys who were eager to serve on the [illegible] battleships. These lads proved to be superior, both physically and intellectually, to most of the recruits obtained on the seaboard, and most of them were American born. Hereafter these desirable interior young fellows will be given an opportunity to become wise concerning sea customs at their very doors, so to speak.



PEELING POTATOES FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

A BATTLESHIP IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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Boy recruits in the United States navy are divided into two general classes, apprentices and landsmen. The former begin their career before the mast between the ages of fourteen and seventeen. They are usually bound over to the service of the government during minority, their parents or guardians signing articles to that effect. Many landsmen enter the service as minors, but not [illegible]. These landsmen outnumber the apprentices two to one. Until quite recently the schooling given to them was very limited, now they get about half as much as the apprentices. In time it will be arranged so that both classes will receive the same instruction.

Every hour of the day is crowded with duties for the youngster who is being converted into a seaman. At the training school the boy recruit is taught, first of all, to care for his person and for the clothing and bedding which are given to him on entering. His school hours proper are given up to making and furling sails, the minor duties of seamanship and drill. The recruit looks forward impatiently to the close of his six months' probation on land and his assignment to a training ship. Once on board ship, the lad is put through regular courses of seamanship and gunnery. He learns all about the parts of a boat, lighthouses, buoys, running lights, fog signals, etc., and is taught the rules of the road, how to box the compass, how to operate anchors and all the other items that make up the equipment of an able seaman.

At first the apprentice is paid $9 a month. As he progresses his pay is increased, first to $12 and finally to $21. This sum is over and above all his actual living expenses, which are attended to by the government. If he is at all thrifty the apprentice can accumulate during the years of his minority a sum of money sufficient to set himself up in business. If he is so inclined, he may save the entire sum paid to him by the naval paymaster, for all of his wants are supplied, and liberally at that. Whatever may have been the custom in the olden time, it is now the policy of the department to provide rather generously for its proteges. Sufficient and good clothing is furnished and abundant and wholesome food. The cook's galley on one of these modern floating academies is not the forbidding spot of the old nautical romances. With its well scrubbed floor and tables and its rows of shining copper and tin utensils, it is by no means an unattractive place to the young bluejackets, especially in the holiday season, when discipline is somewhat relaxed and the lads are permitted to offer their services to the cook. If that functionary is an amiable person, he meets these overtures in a friendly spirit and permits the fun loving youngsters to peel the potatoes for the Christmas dinner, pare the apples for the holiday pies and stone the raisins for the Yuletide "duff." If the initial supply of both of these toothsome dainties falls considerably short in consequence of this pacific invasion of the galley, what does it matter? There is plenty of everything in the stores, and Christmas comes but once a year.

Christmastide on board a training ship is on no account a joyless season, especially if it be spent in port. Although there are duties to be performed, discipline is relaxed sufficiently to save them from becoming burdensome. The social interchanges and seasonable frolics known to landsmen lose none of their attractiveness on board ship. Then there is always the excitement of opening the packages from home. One of the most keenly relished preparations incident to the festive occasion is the decoration of the ship. In this cheerful service the lads take much pride and frequently show commendable originality. The new Maine, for example, on Christmas morning will show at every outlook an evergreen reminder of the country of the painted firs.

ANSEL J. FAIRCHILD.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

From Merrimack St.

5.43, 6.22, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.32, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.26, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 9.45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.30	6.00	7.04
6.23	7.40	6.30	7.26
6.59	7.30	7.54	8.54
6.49	7.43	8.55	9.01
7.01	8.02	9.00	9.57
7.24	8.10	10.00	10.37
7.31	8.50	10.17	11.34
7.48	8.35	11.30	12.07
7.52	10.05	12.00	12.53
8.57	9.40	1.00	1.57
9.36	10.19	2.00	3.01
11.05	12.00	3.00	3.57
11.43	12.24	3.47	5.00
12.14	1.00	4.14	5.30
1.44	2.50	5.00	6.27
1.58	2.53	5.38	6.25
3.47	4.30	5.47	6.54
4.28	5.30	6.14	7.30
5.22	6.15	7.30	8.06
5.43	7.00	9.30	[illegible]
6.12	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.29	8.10	11.25	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	7.55	7.30	8.31
8.00	8.54	9.26	10.31
9.26	10.38	10.45	11.40
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.05
12.05	1.26	2.15	3.20
12.59	2.00	3.38	4.50
2.30	3.33	4.50	5.49
3.10	4.05	6.01	7.03
3.55	5.00	6.35	7.45
6.00	6.46	8.40	10.35
6.15	7.10	*11.15	12.18
7.00	8.56		
9.30	10.29		

* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

8.15	9.25	8.00	9.1
12.10	1.20	12.00	1.00
3.55	4.50	6.06	6.20
5.32	6.58		
8.03	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

6.30	7.30	9.00	10.00
7.24	8.10		
8.48	9.40	11.30	12.07
9.20	10.16	1.00	1.57
2.25	3.27	6.00	6.59
5.29	6.30	7.30	8.08
6.22	7.05	8.30	9.08
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WORE NO CLOTHES

Man Hold Six Officers at Bay

HE SMASHED A PLATE GLASS WINDOW

Hospital People Say He Is Insane

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Perched on the top of a snow heap at Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street, a completely nude man armed with a crowbar, kept half a dozen policemen and a crowd of men at bay for half an hour early today after he had smashed nearly a score of big plate glass windows valued at $200 each. The man was finally captured and taken to a hospital. He made no attempt to explain his strange conduct and the hospital attendants said he was undoubtedly insane.

The first intimation that anything was wrong reached the police through a private watchman, who reported that several valuable windows had been broken and that the perpetrator probably was in hiding in the vicinity. The first policeman sent in answer to the summons arrived just in time to hear another crash, but when he ran around to the place from which the sound came, there was only a shattered window to be seen. A moment later, however, there came a series of crashes and the policemen saw a man without a shred of clothing running down Twenty-third street and swinging a crowbar through every plate glass window he passed. By this time several more policemen and a hundred men and boys had joined in the chase and the crazy man was rapidly being overtaken. Suddenly, however, he turned upon his pursuers, and swung the heavy crowbar, keeping them at a safe distance until a cab driver threw a horse blanket over him. In a moment half a dozen policemen had subdued him and he was taken to a hospital. His clothing, but nothing to indicate his identity, was found in a door-way nearby. The man is about 25 years old and apparently a laborer.

JOLLIFICATION NIGHT

BY HIGHLAND COUNCIL, R. A. A GREAT SUCCESS.

A jollification night was held by Highland Council, Royal Arcanum last night at Highland hall. The event proved to be one of the most successful ever conducted by this popular organization since its inception. The attendance was very large during the evening, both halls being taxed to their utmost capacity.

During the early part of the evening a varied vocal and instrumental program was carried out in the upper hall the numbers being as follows:

Overture—Confique,
Crown Orchestra.
Soprano Solo—The Carnival,
Mrs. C. A. Whittet.
Reading—
Miss Ethel Page.
Contralto Solo—Sheila van,
Miss Ida I. Wilson.
Piano Duet—Caliph of Bagdad,
Miss Lillian Stevens, Miss Ida I. Wilson.
Male Quartette—
Highland Quartette.
Ocarina Solo—
Prof. C. M. Cushman.
Vocal Duet—Life's Merry Morning,
Mrs. Whittet, Miss Stephens.
Reading—
Miss Ethel Page.
Soprano Solo—Spring Song,
Mrs. C. A. Whittet.
Piano Duet—Witches Flight,
Miss Stevens, Miss Wilson.
Contralto Solo—An Evening Love Song,
Miss Ida I. Wilson.
Vocal Duet—
Mrs. C. A. Whittet, Miss LeFavor.
Reading—
Miss Ethel Page.
Quartette—The Gypsies,
Piano Trio—Sam Lang,
Miss Stevens, Miss Wilson, Mr. Hartley.

At the conclusion of the concert program the younger people present adjourned to the lower hall where dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

There were twenty numbers on the order and the Crown orchestra furnished music. The officers of the successful affair were: General manager, Charles H. Hartley; assistant general manager, Nelson Ogilvie; floor director, O. B. Estabrook; assistant floor director, Wm. Zimmer; aids George L. Fowler Jr., E. G. Crockett, J. H. Douglass, D. O. Christian, F. E. Jones.

LICENSE RESTORED

BOARD OF HEALTH RENEWS UNDERTAKER ELA'S LICENSE.

At the regular meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon the undertaker's license of Horace Ela, which was revoked a few weeks ago, was renewed by a vote of the board, the renewal to take effect on Thursday, the 22nd.

The board amended the rules for governing the quarantine of persons infected with a contagious disease, by inserting the following clause:

"And no person sick with any contagious disease (small-pox, varioloid, diphtheria, membraneous croup, scarlet fever, measles, cerebro spinal meningitis) shall be allowed to leave the house until the placard has been removed."

Agent Horace Knapp of the health department reported that $400 had been received during the past week from the state for small-pox expenses.

The Bertillion system of classifying diseases was adopted by the board for 1905 after a brief discussion.

Agent Knapp reported that since the previous meeting all but four of the 39 journeymen plumbers who had been delinquent in renewing their licenses had attended to that duty and on motion of Commissioner Doherty the time limit was extended, giving the remaining four one more week in which to pay.

All members were present at the meeting and Dr. William B. Jackson presided.

FAMILY SCANDAL

CASTELLANE'S SECRETARY TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

PARIS, Dec. 16. The circumstances attending the death of Deputy Gabriel Syveton, who was found dead from asphyxiation in his apartments at Neuilly Dec. 8, are developing into a domestic drama of startling magnitude.

The wife of M. Syveton was about to apply for a divorce, on the grounds of improper relations between her husband and Mme. Menard, a daughter of Mme. Syveton by a former husband. Both M. Menard and Mme. Syveton had accused the deputy of these relations, and a family council took place shortly before M. Syveton's death, at which violent scenes were enacted, M. Menard declaring that it was the duty of the deputy to put a bullet through his head, and Mme. Syveton announcing her purpose to sue for a divorce.

This was on the eve of Syveton's trial for assaulting War Minister Andre in the chamber of deputies. The deputy foresaw the public disclosure of his relations with his wife's daughter, and thereupon committed suicide for the purpose of averting the disclosure.

The foregoing is interwoven with many scandalous details. The case has taken on a political aspect, the nationalists asserting that there were threats of disclosure which amounted to a conspiracy on the part of the government's supporters to compel the deputy to take his own life. This charge does not appear to be supported, as the tragedy was clearly the result of a scandalous domestic drama.

In the course of the investigation it developed that M. Syveton had been receiving a salary of $500 as secretary for Count Boni de Castellane.

PLUGGER KEEGAN

Tells of the Six Days' Grind

"Plugger Pat" Keegan, the well known local rider, who, together with Patrick F. Logan, of Boston, finished fourth in the six day race at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night, is home in this city again. He and his partner had a week's engagement at a theatre in Boston but owing to an alleged breach of contract on the part of the management the riders decided that they would quit. Keegan despite the fact that his facial appearence is not what it was when he left here several weeks ago, and while his body is pretty well barked up and burned from the use of different applications, is the picture of health and is feeling excellent. His condition both physically and financially is much better than before he entered the race.

In conversation with a Sun reporter this morning Keegan said that the race last week was the hardest he ever tackled. It was owing to the fact that the riders were stronger this year than during the two previous years in which he rode.

Keegan during his conversation said: "It was a great race and I had to work hard. In fact I rode harder this year than any previous year and my only regret was that I got the several tosses which I did and the illness which kept me from being in the final sprint for first place. It was Logan's first big race. He rode in the amateur races on Saturday night and did such fine work that the big riders knew they would have to work to beat us. His first professional race was the big race when he started five minutes after midnight Monday morning. I got considerable credit through the newspapers for my fine work while Logan did not get so much, but Logan was entitled to just as much as I got for he had a hard road to travel, and next year he will have learned many new points which will be to his advantage.

"Talk about hard luck during the race. Well, I got it right from the start. I was out to avoid all accidents, but it is impossible to avoid running into people when they fall directly in front of you. That is what happened to me the first morning I was in the race. I would have got out of the toss all right if it had not been for the fact that Sulkin's partner run over me while I was on the track, his pedal cutting my head open and fracturing the nasal bone. I lost nearly a quart of blood from the cut over my eye before the stitches were taken in it and I was very weak when I got back on the track again.

"That dish of ice cream I ate was the thing which nearly settled me. We all ate ice cream for it was very cooling and refreshing, but Barry Caldwell and I must have got the cream from the bottom of the can and it caused ptomaine poisoning. Talk about suffering from the effects of that ice cream! I would not want to go through it again for any amount of money. It took five men to hold me, for I was like a mad man with the pains in my stomach, which were intense. It felt as though some person was trying to cut me open. The doctors blistered me and applied all kinds of medicines and drugs. I took enough of morphine to kill an ordinary man. For four hours I went through the sufferings of a life time. Logan was riding all the time and he did not know whether I would be able to assist him or not. The doctors did not want me to go back on the track, but I wanted to win that race. When I took Logan's place he was nearly exhausted, though we lost a lap just as I was relieving him, owing to the fact that while riding down the back I was run into and dumped. The papers blamed Logan for losing the lap, but he didn't. It was an accident and no one was to blame.

"Through hard work we gained a lap Saturday and thought we might be able to gain another one, but on the last day the teams rode like fiends and we had to be content with fourth place.

"I intend to ride in the six day race until I win one, and then in all probability I will want to ride all the more."

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CALLED FOR AID

Big Fire in Skowhegan Caused $140,000 Loss

MASONIC BODIES LOST THEIR UNIFORMS

Blaze Started in the Coburn Building

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 16—Coburn block the largest business block in town named in honor of former Governor Abner Coburn and two small buildings were burned today and at one time owing to the great headway gained by the flames the business section of the town was threatened and it was necessary to send an engine and hose company from Waterville.

The total loss was estimated at $140,000 on which there was an insurance of about $60,000.

The Coburn block which was a three story brick structure, owned by the Coburn hall association, was valued at $60,000 and insured for $10,000. The lower floor was occupied by four stores, those of W. H. Wildes, dry and fancy goods, the Blunt hardware Company, Clarence W. Bucknam, druggist, and Charles F. Ward, men's furnishings. The third floor, formerly occupied by the Odd Fellows Lodge was used by a local basketball team for practice, while the second story was devoted to the Masonic bodies including De Molay commandery, Knights Templar, nearly all of whose members lost their Templar uniforms. Two small buildings on either side of Coburn block owned by W. P. Ordway and occupied by Fred Heald and Company, plumbers and by small stores and offices, were burned flat. The occupants of Ordway block sustained slight damage by smoke.

The fire started shortly after one o'clock in the third story of Coburn block, presumably from the stove by which the hall was heated for basketball practice, and gained great headway because of the failure, it is claimed of the fire alarm system to operate practically. Only the short blasts were sounded. When the firemen arrived the blaze had spread down through the building and threatened to assume extensive proportions. Help came from Waterville by special train son after the fire was under control. The block was entirely destroyed, the three walls falling in.

Wire communication was suspended temporarily by the burning of the poles

GEORGE BURNS

OF DRACUT NAVY YARD DIED IN A BOSTON HOSPITAL.

The many friends of George Burns, a well known weaver residing in Dracut, will be pained to learn of his death which occurred in a Boston hospital Monday night. The remains have been brought to his home in the Navy Yard, Dracut. He was for many years employed as a weaver at the Bigelow Carpet Co. in this city, and leaves to mourn his loss a wife.

The news of his death led some to believe that it was the George Burns who has been missing from Lee street, who had died in Boston. The latter is still missing.

RAIDED A CARAVAN

NOTORIOUS BRIGAND CHIEF STILL ON WARPATH.

TANGIER, Morocco, Dec. 16—Raisuli, the notorious brigand chief, who captured Ion Pergicaris, an American citizen, and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject, in May last, boldly raided a caravan within the town of Tangier today.

The chief had previously attacked another caravan five miles outside of Tangier and took 11 prisoners and a number of mules. He then came into Tangier and repeated his exploit. In the latter case he released his prisoners as the men he was seeking were not among them.

CAPTAIN MARTIN

SAYS ALLEGED IRREGULARITY IS DUE TO CLERICAL ERROR.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Captain Amos Martin of the fourteenth infantry was a passenger on the transport Sheridan from Manila. He is under orders to proceed to Washington to explain an alleged duplication of pay accounts. Captain Martin says that the matter will be easily cleared and arose from a clerical error.

MEXICO'S BUDGET.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 16.—Finance Minister Limantour's budget for the ensuing fiscal year estimates the revenue at $88,104,000 and expenses at $85,474,000. The previous fiscal year showed the largest surplus on record, over $10,000,000.

THE U. S. APPEAL

In Greene and Gaynor Case Heard

LONDON, Dec. 16—The appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaynor came up before the privy council today. Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., who with Donald MacMaster K. C., of Montreal, represents the United States opened the case, reciting the well known facts.

It is now more than five years since Greene and Gaynor, who were concerned with Oberlin M. Carter in the Savannah river contract, escaped to Canada and settled in Montreal.

Carter was sentenced to five years in prison and the United States government applied for a writ of extradition for Greene and Gaynor. When the writ was made out by a Montreal extradition committee the two went down the St. Lawrence to Quebec. The U. S. officers caught them in Quebec and brought them back to Montreal. The writ however did not hold in Quebec and it was claimed the United States officers had exceeded their powers. A writ of habeas corpus was served on the Montreal jailer by a Quebec magistrate. Greene and Gaynor were taken back to Quebec and finally obtained their liberty within the limits of the province of Quebec. The United States government appealed to the privy council of England, the highest court in that country.

NEW MORTGAGE

RAILWAY COMPANY MAY ISSUE ONE FOR $50,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway company have taken action in regard to a proposition to issue a new mortgage for $50,000,000. Notice has been sent to the stockholders asking them to vote on the plan at a meeting to be held in January. Of the proposed bond issue $35,000,000 is reserved to refund existing liens on maturity. The greater part of the remaining $15,000,000 is intended for the purchase of the preferred stock, the remainder of the sum to be devoted to betterments and extensions. The capital stock of the company consists of $8,000,000 common stock and $8,000,000 preferred. The funded debt is $12,295,000.

ROLAND OF BERLIN

MAY BE PRESENTED IN NEW YORK.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Leoncavallo has received an offer from New York to produce "Roland of Berlin" in that city. The name of the manager is withheld but it is not Herr Conreid. The question whether the opera will be produced in New York depends entirely upon the terms offered. Senor Leoncavallo's wife informed the Associated Press today that her husband would be in no haste to close an arangement for the United States as he was much occupied with his European projects.

JEREMIAH FINCH DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Jeremiah W. Finch, president of the Glens Falls National bank and senior member of the firm of Finch, Pruyn and company, lumber men and paper manufacturers, died at his home in this city today. He was 78 years old and prominent among business men of Northern New York. He had lived in New York city for several years.

ALBANY'S RICHEST MAN DEAD.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 16.—John D. Parsons, Jr., president of the Albany Trust company and of the National Exchange bank of this city, one of Albany's wealthiest men, died today of heart disease.

JUVENILE DAY

Boy's Mother Lectured by the Court

This was juvenile day in police court and three small boys were on the carpet. In the case of one, a handsome lad, who is handicapped by overbearing parents, Judge Hadley quietly lectured the boy's mother. The boy works in the mill and he has been a very good boy at home. The only thing registered against him by his mother, was the fact that he left Lowell in search of work without telling her. Judge Hadley told the boy that he should have acquainted his mother with his intentions, but on the other hand the judge realized that the boy was anxious to improve his own and his mother's conditions. The boy's name will not appear on the criminal's book at the police station.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Emil Menieur and Dion Perrault were charged with the larceny of $37, the property of one Josiah F. Hamilton, an Arch street groceryman. The Menieur boy took the money and Perrault claimed that Emil told him he found the money. Menieur was sent to the Lyman school and Perrault was placed on probation.

THE DRUNKEN OFFENDERS.

Annie Conroy, prison for women at Sherborn; James Brown was fined $6 and James Reynolds, James Connors, Frank Weymouth and Mary E. McOsker were fined $2 each.

Tonight's the night, Associate hall.

SEWER COMMITTEE

CLOSED YEAR'S WORK AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

The committee on sewers met yesterday and closed its work for the year. The three members, Aldermen Gerow, Grant and Gallagher, were present, and only minor closing business was transacted.

The sewer assessment of William H. Penn was abated $13 from $48, to $35. The assessment was on the Eaton street sewer.

J. F. O'Donnell petitioned that the sewer in Market street be either enlarged or lowered, as at times water entered his cellar. Superintendent Farnham stated that the trouble had been rectified, and the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

Two minor petitions were referred to the sewer committee of next year.

KILLED BY ENGINE

EDWARD J. DONOVAN WAS A PROMINENT HIBERNIAN.

NAUGATUCKET, Conn., Dec. 16.—While on his way to work this morning, Edward J. Donovan, aged 35, tried to run across the Naugatucket division railroad tracks in front of a northbound passenger train and was struck and killed by the locomotive. His body was hurled 40 feet to a snow bank at the side of the track. Donovan was prominent among the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in this state.

MANY LOST ARTICLES.

ST LOUIS, Dec. 16.—The lost and found articles which were turned in by members of the Jefferson Guards and which never had been claimed, have been returned to the finders in such cases where the finders were still with the guards and were known. During the World's Fair about 800 lost articles were turned into the quartermaster's department. Of these many were afterwards claimed.

NO COMPROMISE

In the Fall River Strike Situation

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16.—It is reported on excellent authority that the talk of a compromise in the strike situation is without foundation. Both sides of the controversy are agreed that they have not been approached with any proposition of the sort. The visit of President Golden and Secretary Hibbert of the United Textile Workers to New York has no bearing upon a plan to include the civic federation to become interested in settling the strike. Their purpose was to confer with President Gompers of A. F. of L. about the assessment voted for the Fall River strikers. The only new feature of the situation is the report that the union leaders have decided to refer the continuance of the strike back to the union members. A formal test of the sentiment of the operatives by vote has not been taken since the strike began.

Mill men have charged that if the operatives were given a chance they would vote to return to work.

It is probable that meetings of the several unions will shortly be held, when the situation will be laid before the members and an expression of opinion on the strike will be taken by ballot.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

WILL APPEAL TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 16.—At a meeting in the office of Milton Smith, chairman of the democratic state central committee, attended by democratic leaders and attorneys, it has been decided to appeal to the United States supreme court to review the contempt proceedings before the Colorado supreme court. The records are now being prepared.

FUNERALS

APOSTOLAKES—The funeral of Miss Polixen Apostolakes was held yesterday from 86 Suffolk street and services were held at the Greek church. Burial was in the Edson cemetery. Undertaker Molloy had charge.

BIRCHELL—The funeral of Frederick Birchell took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of his parents, 29 Paige street, and services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Shenk of the Central Methodist church. Undertaker Weinbeck had charge of the arrangements and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

CANNEY—The funeral of Havilah D. Canney took place yesterday afternoon at her home in Collinsville, and Rev. Albert Thompson of Raymond, N. H., and Rev. Mr. Lupien of this city were the officiating clergymen. Undertaker Weinbeck had charge of the arrangements and the bearers were Fred Harris, George and Arthur Canney and Nelson Gooch. Burial was in the Richardson cemetery, Dracut.

VENNE—The funeral of Edmond D. Venne took place yesterday from his home, 128 Aiken street, and funeral services were held at St. Jean Baptiste's church. Rev. Fr. Diss, O. M. I., officiated. The bearers were Stephen Rochette, Frank Ricard, A. Lamontagne, J. Cayouette, A. St. Onge and J. N. Picard. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Diss officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amedee Archambault had charge.

BROWN—The funeral of Frank Brown was held yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Ela, Rev. C. T. Billings was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were Girard P. Dadman, Charles A. Gale, Warren L. Floyd and Nelson Brown. Burial was in the family lot in the Lowell cemetery. Undertaker Ela had charge.

CARTER—The funeral of Esther Carter took place yesterday afternoon from the rooms of Undertakers Higgins & Co. and burial was in the Edson cemetery.

PAGE—The funeral services of Miss Mary C. Page were held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of Undertakers Young & Co., Rev. Charles W. Huntington officiating. The body was placed in the tomb in the Edson cemetery.

ROACH—All that was mortal of the late Mrs. Annie Roach was consigned to its final resting place in the Catholic cemetery this morning. The funeral took place from her late home, 27 Chapel street, and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends including a number of people from out of town. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church in Gorham street where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. W. George Mullin, assisted by Rev. Hugh J. McDermod as deacon and Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan as sub-deacon.

The choir which was augmented for the occasion was under the direction of Director John Warburton. The Gregorian mass was sung and at the offertory Mr. Warburton sang the "Pie Jesu." At the conclusion of the service Miss Mollie G. Ivers rendered in a very feeling manner "Face to Face" and as the remains were leaving the church the choir sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Mrs. J. W. McKennedy presided at the organ.

There was a profusion of beautiful and appropriate floral offerings in evidence, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and acquaintances, the following being the most prominent: Wreath of ivy, from the family; standing cross, bearing the inscription "At Rest," J. Henry Cahill; wreath of ivy, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gregoire; wreath, Miss Cahill.

The bearers were Messrs. Cormick Conlon, John Quinn, Michael McDermott, Patrick Gallagher, Patrick Mangan and Frank McCluskey.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery where the last sad rites of the Catholic church were solemnized by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was under the direction of Funeral Director Peter H. Savage.

Farmers band tonight, Husking Bee.

BOY CONFESSES

Says He Mistook Man for Deer

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 16—The mystery surrounding the death of David Libby of Newport who was found dead December 7, at Chester, where he was on a hunting trip, was cleared up late yesterday, when Herbert E. Griffin, aged 17 years, upon being arrested by Sheriff Gilman and Deputy Stevens, confessed that he did the shooting, having mistaken Libbey for a deer. The boy was arraigned before trial justice Wetherbee and was bound over to the February criminal term of the supreme court in the sum of $1000. His father, a prosperous farmer, and a brother furnished bonds.

COPPER MARKET

IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The condition of the tin and copper markets is attracting considerable attention. So acute is the squeeze in tin that the bears have been transferring the commodity from Havre to Southampton at a cost of about $6 per ton. There appears to be a very large bull account in connection with Paris operators and to that is attributed the present squeeze. A London house controlling tin has important continental connections who do not desire to realize at the present juncture.

The recent strength of copper under the share panic has surprised everybody, but the market is practically held together by four big dealers, who are holders of large quantities of refined copper. Important financial interests in London are committed to the bull interests.

The news that the Great Northern railroad has ordered 5000 tons of heavy rails of the United States steel trust is arousing bitter animosity among the British makers, especially in the Sheffield district. The manufacturers are talking of reprisals. A few years ago, when the Great Central purchased German axles and tires at considerably below the Sheffield price the company was boycotted until it promised not to repeat the offense.

SACO RIVER CLOSED.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 16—The Saco river is closed to navigation, the last tug and coal barge experiencing great difficulty in getting through the channel. It is one of the last Maine rivers to freeze over.

THE BLAIR ESTATE.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—An inventory of the estate of James L. Blair, who died at Eustis, Florida, January 16 last, filed with the probate court today, shows personal property aggregating $83,504. The total life insurance carried by Mr. Blair amounted to over $1,000,000 but some of the largest policies were assigned before death, while others are still in litigation.

RECORDER GOFF

SAYS THE LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—At a meeting to discuss preliminaries looking to the formation of a civic club on the west side, Recorder Goff, the venerable jurist of this city, expressed his views on the laws and means for their enforcement.

"It is remarkable how our system of government has failed to enforce the laws and defeat the will of the people," he said. "I have often wondered whether the fault was to be placed on the system or on the people."

He spoke of the good work done by quasi-public bodies and said that "It was a sad commentary on a republican form of government that the people have been compelled to have recourse to private agencies to enforce the laws."

There are, he asserted, too many charitable organizations in existence, and some of them are not so altruistic in their purposes as they professed to be. In conclusion, the recorder said:

"What needs to be awakened is a public sentiment for the enforcement of law. Our public spirit seems to end when we have passed a law. We have too many laws now. The chief encouragement to the betrayal of the public interests is the indolence of the people. If we looked on the city as a corporation and each citizen as a stockholder, we would exhibit more watchfulness and our board of directors would exhibit a higher sense of responsibility."

HE WAS ROBBED

THREE MEN UNDER ARREST IN BANGOR, MAINE.

BANGOR, Maine, Dec. 16.—Charles McCormick, F. J. Patterson and Thomas Robichad of Kingman were arrested there yesterday by Deputies Rich of Mattawamkeag and Sproul of Bangor, charged with larceny of about $600 from the person of James Boland of St. Johns, N. F. Joseph Caron, who claims Lewiston as his home, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness and is suspected of having had some connection with the case.

The prisoners were brought to this city last night for a hearing.

Boland was on his way home from Braintree, Mass., where he has been working, but being sick and more or less intoxicated stopped at Kingman to recuperate. He unwisely showed his money to several people in the town and some time between Monday and Wednesday was relieved of it.

WANT REFORM IN LAWS.

KOSTRAMA, Russia, Dec. 16—The lawyers of this city have sent an address to the minister of justice in support of the bar association demand for a reform of the laws.

WIRELESS SUPPLIES LANDED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec.16—The navy tug Unadilla has succeeded in landing her cargo of supplies for the wireless telegraph on the Farallones after making four previous efforts. The new plant will be established within three or four days and will supersede the weather bureau's apparatus. The latter only carries about 30 miles but the new plant is expected to operate satisfactorily over 200 miles.

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Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered edges, put up 6 in a box. $1.50 a Box, or 25c Each

Men's Guaranteed Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and hemstitched....12½c Each, 2 for 25c

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All the new and dainty ideas in neckwear expressly designed for the holidays can be found in our showing, the largest and best in town.

Ladies' Neckwear—Stocks made in Venice lace with chiffon jabot and ruchings at top; neckpieces of chiffon with chiffon jabot taffeta silk stocks, decorated with steel and gold beads, put up in a fancy box 48c

Ladies' All Wool Sweaters, made in all colors, with full sleeves and blouse effect. $1.50, $1.95, $2.50

Ladies' All Wool Vests, in all the popular shades, high cut and close weave..... 98c

Ladies' Kid Walking Gloves, made in all tan shades, the famous Meyer gloves $1.00

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One of the most welcome gifts for a man or woman is an umbrella. Let us show you the fine umbrellas we are selling for little money.

Women's and Men's Umbrellas with good coverings and paragon frames. Choice of silver or pearl handles .....69c and 79c

Women's and Men's 26 and 28 in. umbrellas, union silk covers, tassels, steel paragon frame and rod, large assortment and handles in pearl, silver, horn and natural wood .....95c and $1.50

Women's and Men's 26 and 28-in. umbrellas, with tape edge taffeta covers, steel paragon frame and rod, large line of handles in long pearls, gun metal, ivories, horns, natural woods, etc. $2.00, $2.50, $3.00 and $5.00

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Our Neckwear department contains a great variety of styles and prices in handsome neckwear for men. Make a selection from below.

Men's Handsome Silk Neckwear in Four-in-hands and Teeks in assorted colors 25c

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LATEST

OATH OF VENGEANCE

Aged Witness Says All Had to Take It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—The first witness in the Senator Smoot inquiry today was Mrs. Annie Elliott of Price, Utah. She is an elderly lady who went from Denmark to Utah in 1872 and left the Mormon church in 1896. She was asked to tell about the obligations taken in the Temple. In a voice shaken with emotion, Mrs. Elliott said that the obligations were so indelicate she could not bear to repeat them. Chairman Burrows told her to take her own time and not to be embarrassed.

The witness said the first oath administered to those who participated was that if they did not want to go any further and take the oaths they should turn back and go out. Mrs. Elliott slowly repeated the oaths of vengeance and the penalties for revealing the ceremonies. After saying that each person taking the endowments agrees to have his or her throat cut Mrs. Elliott said she could go no further. Urged by Chairman Burrows the witness told of other penalties which have been described by other witnesses. At the request of Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Elliott described the garments worn by Mormons who have taken endowments. Senator Overman asked if every Mormon in good standing is compelled to wear the garments and the witness said that all such Mormons wear the garments as underclothing.

Looking at Senator Smoot, Senator Overman asked the witness if she was sure every Mormon in good standing in the committee room had the garments on.

"Yes sir, they have." The reply provoked laughter and the witness repeated "I know they all have them on."

Senator Fornker asked the witness if she had ever heard of the endowment house penalties being enforced against any one. She said she had not.

Mr. Taylor asked if she were likely to suffer by reason of giving testimony here. Mrs. Elliott said she expected that her business would suffer.

ARTILLERY BATTLE ALONG CENTRE

MUKDEN, Dec. 16—Upon the arrival of General Kaulbars commander of the Third army, here today from Harbin, he was received by a guard of honor headed by a band of music and by Generals Sakharoff and Bilderling. He made a brief speech conveying the emperor's greetings. General Kaulbars then continued his journey to Chanstamutun, General Kuropatkin's headquarters, where he had a conference with General Kuropatkin.

A brisk cannonade is progressing along the center. The Japanese are supplying the Chinese troops in the neighborhood of Sinminlin, about 30 miles west of Mukden, with artillery. They have already delivered 80 Krupp guns.

RUSSIANS DISGUISED BEAR MESSAGES

CHEFOO, Dec. 16, 5 p. m.—Seven Russians in civilian garb, but a military training obvious in their bearing, arrived today in an open sail boat carrying dispatches. They were unwilling to talk and went immediately to the Russian consulate. A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur.

THREE EXPELLED

Brokers Dropped From Consolidated Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Three members of the Consolidated Stock Exchange have been expelled for conduct alleged to be detrimental to the interests of that institution. They are M. A. Dyett, Charles E. Strade and F. S. Colton.

M. R. Dyett is a member of the firm of Hotchking and Dyett of this city, and F. S. Colton of F. S. Colton & Co. of Boston. The two firms and Mr. Strade suspended some time since for failure to meet their obligations. Mr. Dyett was found guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the exchange.

PRESIDENT WILSON ILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University is at the Presbyterian hospital, where he is to undergo an operation, the nature of which is not stated.

The attending physician says, however, that the patient probably will be about again within a week.

WARRANT ISSUED

For the Arrest of Burke Roche.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—On the application of the treasury, warrants were issued today at Bow street police court for the arrest of J. Burke Roche and Mr. Sinnett, in connection with the transfer of the Turbine yacht Carolina to the Russians at Libau last month. As the warrants are only effective in British territory, the Scotland yard detectives will have to await the voluntary arrival of the two Irishmen in this country. The offense with which they are charged is not extraditable and Messrs. Roche and Sinnett have not shown any desire since the issue of the summonses to place themselves within reach of the British courts.

GOVERNOR UTTER

ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS STAFF.

WESTERLY, R. I. Dec. 16.—Governor-elect George Utter, who assumes office on the first of January, today announced the appointment of his personal staff as follows:

Edward E. Whipple, Westerly; Senas W. Bliss, Cranston; George Webb, Providence; Austin S. Cook, Woonsocket; Harold A. Peckham, Newport.

The governor's executive secretary will be Richard W. Jenning who assumes his duties at once.

DEATHS

MITCHELL—Peter Mitchell, one of the oldest employes in point of service on the local division of Boston & Northern street railroad, died this morning at his home, 39 Fourth avenue, after a brief illness. Deceased is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte E. Douglass, and Miss Annie E. Mitchell, and five sons, Frederick J. and Arthur P. of Lynn, William and Michael E. of Lowell and Brother Ernest of Xaverian Order of Brotherhood at Wheeling, West Virginia. He was a member of the B. & N. S. R. R. union. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JOHLMORE—Mary Johlmore, aged 29 years, died yesterday at her home, 28 Butler avenue. She leaves a husband, John, and two children.

CORRIGAN—The body of James Corrigan, who was asphyxiated in his room at 52 Tyler street yesterday, has been removed to the home of his parents, 26 Summer street, by Undertaker John F. Rogers.

NO NEW EVIDENCE

Authorities Say Suicide Verdict May Stand

INQUEST IN THE DAVIS CASE BEGUN

Twenty Two Witnesses Were Summoned

SALEM, Dec. 16—An inquest on the death of Miss Bessie G. Davis of Beverly Farms, last September, was begun before Judge Daniel N. Safford, of the district court here today. The proceedings were held in the office of Judge Safford and as is usual in such cases the public was excluded. Twenty-two witnesses have been summoned. The body of Miss Davis was found on the rocks at West beach September 26 and although there were a number of suspicious circumstances the authorities decided that the young woman had committed suicide. They are of the same opinion today but permitted a re-opening of the case to satisfy the friends and relatives of Miss Davis. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis N. Davis had accepted the suicide theory but some of her relatives and friends thought that the girl's death had not been satisfactorily investigated.

The authorities have practically no new evidence and they admit that there is but little probability of the suicide verdict being set aside.

The inquest is being conducted by District Attorney W. Scott Pefers of Haverhill. The witnesses include the father and mother of the young woman, her brothers, Erwin and John and a sister Ethel, Frank A Williams, the young man who found the body; Calvin L. Williams, Warren O. Jones, Thomas Neville, Harry C. Donnabel, J. Millett Younger, Benjamin Hawkins, Elsie Hawkins, Frank J. Preston, Herman McDonald, Joseph A. Mayberry, Gregory F. Connelly, Fanny L. Lake, Webster K. Bray, Edward L. Knowlton, Richard Sharridan, Robert Brown, Bessie M. Williams, Frank Blanley, Thomas Connolly, Mark Knowles, Fred G. Haynes and Ella Price.

It is expected the inquest will last for several days and it is possible the finding will not be reached by Judge Safford before the end of the year.

BIG EXPLOSION

One Man Killed and Two Fatally Injured

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Effie Phipps of Rome, Ohio, was killed, Ola Smith and Mattie Rice were fatally injured and a score of others were hurt by jumping from windows after an explosion had wrecked Lloyd Adams' and Simpson's Toy Pistol factory here today. Flames cut off the escape of some and the frantic girls leaped from the second and third stories. It is believed that all of the girls succeeded in getting out.

2000 BURGHERS

ATTENDED SERVICE FOR EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER.

PRETORIA, Transvaal, Dec. 16—Two thousand Burghers attended an impressive religious service this morning prior to the burial of the body of ex-President Kruger. Several ministers of the Dutch church spoke, eulogizing the dead man for his exemplary religious life and as a lover of his people and exhorting the Boers while remaining loyal to the new flag never to forget the principles of their late leader of their own language.

An immense crowd filed through the death chamber throughout the morning. The coffin was draped with the Transvaal and Orange Free State flags and on it were the tributes of Queen Wilhelmina and the Queen mother of Holland.

DAMAGE IS HEAVY

GARRISON TURNED OUT TO FIGHT FIRE.

LONDON, Dec. 16—A dispatch to a news agency from Paris says that a large part of the Mustapha suburb of Algiers is in flame. The whole garrison has turned out to fight the fire. Damage to the extent of many millions of francs has already been done.

The Mustapha suburb of Algiers contains a population of about 38,000 souls and includes in its residence section some fine buildings and shade roads bordered by villas and gardens. It is probable that the fire occurred in the poorer section, where there are many industrial houses, etc.

STOCK MARKET

Today's Quotations on Active Stocks

The following are the closing quotations of today's stock market for active stocks:

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	5½
Amalgamated	68⅛
American Wool	20⅞
American W pfd	92½
Am Tel & T	144¾
Arcadia	1¾
Atlantic	16
Anaconda	29
Anaconda	103
Allouez	18
B & Maine	175
Bingham	34½
Boston	6½
Calumet & Hecla	645
Centennial	25½
Chicago Junction	150
Chicago Junction pfd	123
Copper Range	67½
Dom Steel	18
Dom Coal	63½
Daly-West	12½
Elm River	2½
Elevated	163
Fitchburg	140
Franklin	11
Granby	5
Greene	27¼
Mass	8¾
Mass Gas	38
Mass Gas pfd	80¾
Mass Electric	14
Mass Electric pfd	66
Mayflower	1
Mex Con	21¾
Michigan	9⅜
M C & C	6⅝
Mohawk	50
N E Tel	137
Osceola	93¼
N Y, N H & H R R	197
Old Colony Mine	1½
Old Colony R R	203½
Old Dominion	26
Shannon	8¾
Royal	26½
Rhode Island	1⅞
Tamarack	120
Tennessee	39
Parrott	26½
Quincy	103
Santa Fe	2¾
Trinity	11⅝
United States	25⅛
United States Oil	11¼
Utah	43¼
Victoria	4⅛
Winona	12¼
Wolverine	104
Western Tel	20½
Western Tel pfd	99
West End	93
West End pfd	112
Wyandotte	1¾

*Ex-Dividend.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Am Sugar	141½
*Am Sugar pfd	138
A & T	84¾
A & T pfd	102⅝
B & O	100⅝
B & O pfd	95½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	59⅞
Chi & Gt W	22¾
C M St & P	169⅝
C R & P	32¾
C R & P pfd	83½
Con Gas	201⅝
Del & Hud	185¾
Erie R R	36⅝
Erie 1st	74½
*Gen Elect	184½
Manhat Con	163½
Mo Kan & Tex	30¾
Mo Kan & Tex pfd	63⅝
Met St Ry	120⅝
Mis Pac	107¾
N Y Cen	130½
N Y Ont & W	44
Penn	136⅝
People's Gas	106⅞
So Pac	62¾
Reading	79
Reading pfd	90
*Reading 2d pfd	81½
Tex & Pac	34½
Union Pac	110¼
Union Pac pfd	96
U S Steel	29⅞
U S Steel pfd	91¼
Wabash	22
Wabash pfd	47¾
W U Telegraph	91
U S Leather	16⅝
U S Leather pfd	103¾

NEW TRAINER

TO HYPNOTIZE THE ANIMALS AT THE JUNGLE.

A breezy, self-confident young lady accosted Mr. Benson at the Jungle yesterday and asked to meet the manager of the show. Mr. Benson modestly acknowledged his responsibility with the answer "I am the man."

"Oh, very well. I understand you have some very dangerously ferocious animals, some that even the trainers cannot handle with any degree of safety."

"Oh, yes, quite a number," replied Mr. Benson.

"Well, I am a hypnotist and quite sure I will be able to demonstrate to you how easily even the most ferocious will yield to my powers and be forever after perfectly quiet and docile. Where is Satan?"

"Right over here," replied Mr. Benson, leading the way to the big fellow's cage.

"Did you ever see this experiment tried before?"

"No, madam, never."

"Is this Satan? Why, he doesn't look a bit unruly—is he really? You great lovely fellow; there, be quiet, stop roaming about that cage."

The lady of wonderful powers passed her hand back and forward several times and vainly tried to attract the monster's attention, being cautioned however, by Mr. Benson not to get too near, until she was quite sure she had him drowsy.

"I am afraid there are too many people here, and too much going on. Can't you have your attendants keep them back a little for a few moments?" she said.

"That will be impossible now, madam, but if you have a little spare time Sunday I will be very glad to let you go into the cage with Satan, or with the other lions on the stage there, which Mme. Schell uses in her daring exhibition, but just now I am too busy to give the attention necessary to protect you, if you did not succeed in your novel undertaking."

"Very well, I will stay a few minutes to get acquainted with them and call Sunday to continue my experiment."

When she had gone, Mr. Benson concluded that he would first let her try on Josiah, the big Java monkey, thinking he will prove a worthy subject to entertain her ladyship. There will be fun at the Jungle Sunday—if she comes.

20 YEARS FOR POLICEMAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Arthur J. Malon, formerly a policeman, who shot and killed Robert F. Brennan in front of a Bowery resort, last May, was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment today by Recorder Goff. This is the maximum penalty for manslaughter.

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Liver and Kidneys

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4 cans Tomatoes	.48
4 cans Pears	.48
Total stamp price	$1.44

ALL FOR 90c.

Cash at time of sale. No C. O. D. orders.

COMBINATION NO. 2.

1 lb. "Golden Egg" Tea	.50
1 lb. Mocha and Java Coffee	.35
4 lbs. Granulated Sugar	.24
Total stamp price	$1.09

ALL FOR 75c.

Cash at time of sale. No C. O. D. orders.

COMBINATION NO. 3.

1 lb. Anchor Brand Baking Powder	.50
1 lb. Mocha and Java Coffee	.35
4 lbs. Sugar	.24
1 can Lowney Cocoa	.10
Total stamp price	$1.19

ALL FOR 75c.

Cash at time of sale. No C. O. D. orders.

COMBINATION NO. 4.

1 bag Best Flour	$1.00
1 lb. "Golden Egg" Tea	.50
1 lb. Mocha and Java Coffee	.35
4 lbs. Sugar	.24
Total stamp price	$2.09

ALL FOR $1.65.

Fresh Killed Fowl	11c lb.
Fresh Killed Chickens	15c to 18c lb.
Best Sirloin Roast Beef	11c lb.
Best Rib Roast	7c to 9c lb.
Roast Pork	8c to 9c lb.
Best Smoked Bacon	11c lb.
Best Hams, Sugar Cured	10½c lb.
Best Smoked Shoulders	8c lb.
Fresh Shoulders	8½c lb.
Good Round Steak	10c to 15c lb.
Best Rump Steak	12½c lb.
Best Sirloin Steak	15c lb.
Short Cut Legs Veal	10c lb.
Short Cut Legs Lamb	10c lb.
Legs and Loins Lamb	8c lb.
Pork Steak, (Saturday only)	10c lb.

See what you get for 25 cents:

4 cans Maine Packed Peas	25c
3 cans Tomatoes	25c
3 cans Corn	25c
3 qts. Best Ketchup	25c
6 qts. Bluing	25c
4 lbs. Fancy Kennedy's Cakes	25c
6 bars Good Will Soap	25c
6 bars Welcome Soap	25c
3 cans Challenge Milk	25c
3 cans Cream	25c
3 qts. Best Ammonia	25c
5 lb. crock Preserves	25c
3 10c pkgs. Corn Starch	25c
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A fine hall 50x40, well lighted, with two large ante-rooms, closets, and steam heat. Suitable for lodge meetings or would make an ideal place for a business school. Located on fourth floor at 52 Central street.

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Cures Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis.

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Londres and Perfecto shapes will be packed in Souvenir Boxes of 25 each. Those wishing to make a holiday gift to a gentleman should order early. For sale by all first class dealers.

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Craze on Stamps

IS DONE, FOR YOUR MONEY YOU CAN BUY

Best Sugar-cured Hams at.....10½c
Best Sugar-cured Shoulders at...8½c
Best Sugar-cured Bacon at.....13c
We have both Reed's and Armour's in these goods, and there are none better.

Fresh Porkers, weighing from 100 to 200 lbs., 8 to 8½c. Raised on the Sunnyside Farm, Tewksbury.

Choice Spare Ribs and Pork Loins, 8½c to 10c.

Fresh Ham, at 10c; Fresh Shoulders at 9c

Leaf Lard at 10c; Rendered Lard at 8c to 10c lb.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Turkeys	15c to 20c lb.
Large Fancy Chicken	18c lb.
Small and medium Chickens,	12½c to 15c lb.
Fowls of all kinds	12½c lb.
Geese and Ducks	15c to 18c lb.

LAMB, MUTTON AND VEAL DEPT.

Whole Lambs	8c lb.
Whole Mutton	7c lb.
Whole Veal	8c to 10c lb.
Leg of Veal	10c to 15c lb.
Leg of Lamb	10c to 12c lb.
Hind-quarter Lamb	8c to 9c lb.
Hind-quarter Mutton	7c to 8c lb.
Fore-quarter Mutton	6c to 7c lb.

VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT.

Choice mealy White and Green Mountain Potatoes	70c bushel
No. 1 Baldwin Apples	85c bushel
Rutabaga Turnips or Globe Turnips	50c bushel
Carrots	50c bushel
Pumpkins or Squash	1c lb.
Home-made Pickles, just like mother used to make	35c gallon

Strictly Fresh Eggs from our own birds.

BEEF DEPARTMENT.

Hind-quarters of Choice Beef	7c to 8c
Fore-quarters	5½c to 6½c
While Backs	7c to 8c
First Ribs	8c to 10c
Chuck Ribs	6c to 8c
Rump and Loins	10c to 12c
Rounds	6c to 8c
Rump Butts	10c to 11c
Sirloin and Rump Steak	20c to 25c
Round Steak	10c to 13c
Top Round Steak	15c to 18c
Fancy Brisket Corned Beef	7c to 8c
Thick Rib	5c to 8c
Naval End Brisket	5c

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pickled Pigs' Feet	5c lb.
Pickled Tripe	3c lb.
Pickled Honeycomb Tripe	5c lb.
Corned Pig Heads	5c lb.
Head Cheese	8c lb.
Blood Pudding	10c lb.
Liver	5c lb.
Whole Plucks	8c Each
Ox Tails	8c Each
Beef Hearts	5c lb.
Boston Rolls and New York Rump	8c to 10c
50 Cords of Cliff and Trash Wood,	3.00 to $4.00 a Cord

OUR FISH DEPARTMENT.

Is one of the largest and best in the city. We carry all the best Fresh Fish in their season and can give your orders prompt attention.

Our Dairy of High-grade and Registered Cows on which we took first prizes at the fair this fall and from which we can furnish you extra quality of milk if you live somewhere along the line of our route.

When making up your order, telephone or call in. Don't expect to carry it home in a peck-basket, for you can buy a big lot for little money and if you want us to deliver it, double your order if you can. Tel. 546-4.

PIKE'S MARKET

JUST ABOVE THE DEPOT.

528 and 530 Middlesex Street

Wall Paper

—AT—

97 Appleton Street

Special Presents —FOR— Christmas

Boys' and Girls' Sleds, Dolls and Doll Carriages given with a pound of our 60c Tea.

227 Central St. O'Brien Bros. 227 Central St.

HOLIDAY GOODS

From All Parts of the World.

We have imported one of the largest and best lines of Holiday Goods to be found in New England, consisting of choice pieces in Haviland China, Royal Vienna, Royal Austria and Royal Dux from Bohemia and hand-painted Art Goods from Italy and France.

We are headquarters for Stock Pattern Dinner Ware. On our second floor we show over forty tables, each table a full set of dinner ware. When we say Stock Pattern we mean if you break a piece you can replace it any time.

Greenwood Bros.

CHINA STORE

241 CENTRAL STREET.

ROMANCE ENDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A pretty and well educated German girl, Anna Gertrude Radecke, is detained at Ellis island and her romance with a young doctor from East Liverpool, O., appears to have been shattered.

According to her story, she was to have married him here immediately upon her arrival from Berlin. In that city, the Ohioan met Anna while he was taking a special course of study. Six months ago, she says, they were betrothed at her home and the student returned to America. Two months later she received $100 and a letter instructing her to sail for New York. She arrived in due season but the immigration officials refused to allow her to leave the ship until some one could prove his right to protect her. As her name was called out in the second cabin a woman stepped up and cried: "This marriage cannot take place; the doctor is my nephew and I have come to inform this woman that she must go back to Germany."

Miss Radecke was taken to Ellis island where she wept for hours. An attorney representing the persons who had stopped the girl, visited her later and offered to supply funds for her return home, but she spurned his offer and declared she could earn her own livelihood if allowed to land.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke. 984 Gorham street.

AN XMAS PRESENT FOR YOU

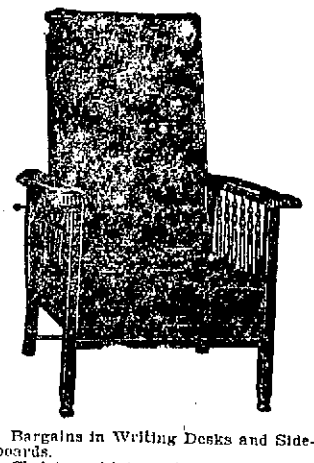
THIS BEAUTIFUL

Morris Chair

GIVEN FREE

(Same as Illustration.)

To the person bringing in the largest number of our coupons (cut from newspapers) between now and December 24.



Bargains in Writing Desks and Sideboards.

Christmas hints a plenty here.

Bellefontaine & Co.

Lowell's Fast Growing Furniture Store.

197-199 MIDDLESEX STREET

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FREE MORRIS CHAIR
Bellefontaine & Co.
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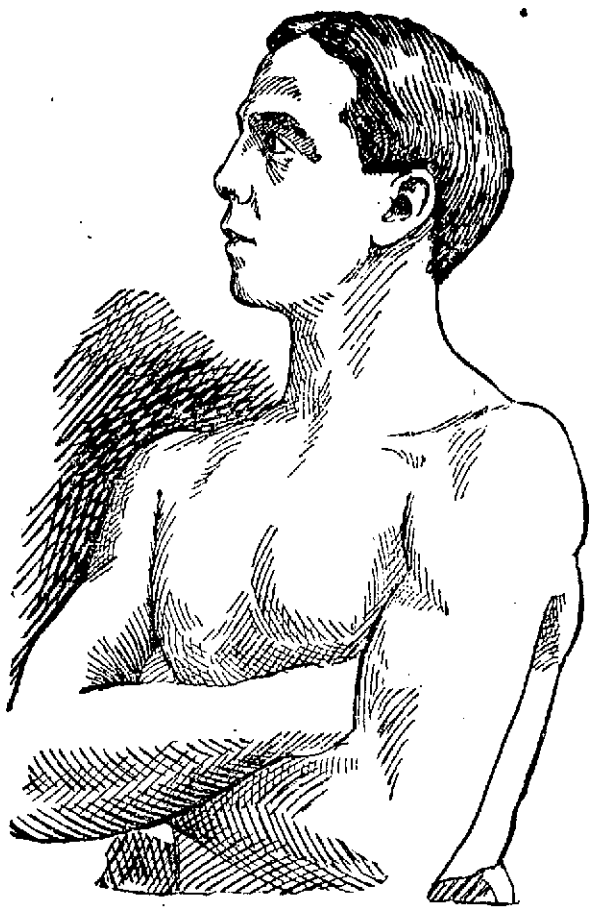

JIMMY GARDNER.

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Forced Jack O'Keefe to Quit

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., defeated Jack O'Keefe of Chicago here last night in eleven rounds of what was to have been a twenty-round contest. When the gong sounded for the twelfth round O'Keefe's seconds threw up the sponge.

After the first round Gardner showed his superiority by landing vicious rights and lefts frequently to O'Keefe's wind, body and face. In the seventh round O'Keefe was smeared with blood which came from an ugly cut in his under lip. In this round both men rushed and at the end O'Keefe was noticeably weak.

In the eighth round O'Keefe, who was handicapped by his disabled left hip, which was thrown out in the fourth round, landed some effective body punches.

Both men went to their corners looking tired. In the tenth round Gardner landed on O'Keefe's wind with his left and swung to the jaw with his right. O'Keefe went down for the count of nine but came up smiling and in the latter part of the round made Gardner uneasy.

Gardner had his man going in the eleventh, landing smashes to the jaw and to the body almost at will but O'Keefe stood the punishment and did his best to put out Gardner. Blood was gushing from O'Keefe's mouth and his face was much swollen. Gardner escaped without a scratch.

CAN'T KEEP HORSES

Superior Court Gives Injunction Against Archambeault

Mr. A. Archambeault shall not keep horses in his stable in Decatur avenue.

Judge Decourcey has issued a decree for an injunction restraining Mr. Archambeault from using as a stable the building in Decatur Avenue where of late he has been keeping two horses on advice of his counsel. The bill for an injunction was brought by City Solicitor Hogan for the board of health while Francis W. Qua was counsel for the undertaker. Mr. Qua announces that he will bring an appeal.

Originally Mr. Archambeault who conducts an undertaking establishment at the corner of Merrimack and Decatur streets built a stable in Decatur Avenue, in the rear of his establishment and on July 11, 1899 the board of health gave him a license to stable horses there.

Then neighbors protested led by Clerk Joseph Smith of the police board and after a lively hearing the board of health voted to revoke his license on August 8, 1899.

Mr. Archambeault then changed his building somewhat turning the upper story into tenements.

Then he applied for a license to stable two horses in the place and once more he was turned down. Finally he sought counsel from Mr. Qua who advised him to use the stable whether the board of health permitted it or not. Under chapter 102, section 69, of the revised laws, while the board was given power to grant licenses nothing was said about revoking them and no such power was expressed by the statute. Hence it was claimed that the board had no power to revoke licenses, and the board having granted Mr. Archambeault a license in 1899 it was still operative.

Thus Mr. Archambeault placed his horses in the stable and the board of health asked City Solicitor Hogan to bring action in court against Mr. Archambeault and City Solicitor Hogan immediately brought injunction proceedings. The case was argued recently before Judge Decourcey and today City Solicitor Hogan received notice from Clerk Holliday of the superior court announcing that Judge Decourcey had handed down a decree for an injunction restraining Mr. Archambeault from stabling horses in the premises described in the complaint.

Mr. Archambeault, therefore, must move his horses while his counsel will appeal from Judge Decourcey's decision.

FUNERALS

RAPSON—Died yesterday at South Lowell, Eliza Rapson, aged 66 years. Funeral tomorrow at 1 o'clock from her home. Friends invited.

ESTATE OF $31,578,266.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—William L. Elkins, the street railway and gas operator and financier, who died in November, 1903, left an estate worth $31,578,266, according to figures gleaned from the first account of the executors, whose fees amount to $931,382.

The inventory of the estate shows $30,500,523. Since then the accretion on accounts received swelled the sum by nearly $1,000,000. Debts amounting to $5,722,421 were paid up to November 30.

TWO HOLIDAYS

Working People Get Two Days Off

CHRISTMAS WILL BE OBSERVED MONDAY

Mills and Stores Closed on the 26

Christmas will fall on Sunday this year and the legal observance of the feast will take place on Monday the 26th. In all the churches, Catholic and Protestant the festival will be observed on Sunday, but on Monday the social observance will take place.

All the stores will close all day on the 26th, thus giving their help two days of freedom. The mills will be closed from Saturday noon until Tuesday morning.

The banks will close all day Monday and notes and other legal papers falling due on Sunday will not be payable until Tuesday, thus giving delinquent payers two extra days. Formerly when a legal holiday fell on Sunday notes due on that day were payable the day previous but now it is the day following.

The stores will keep open every evening of the week before the holiday, beginning next Monday night.

PREMIER TISZA

SAYS HE WILL ORDER NEW ELECTIONS.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 16.—At today's session of the lower house of the Hungarian parliament Premier Tisza announced that unless the house organized within three days as required by the standing orders, he would be obliged to dissolve parliament as he desired to appeal to the electors to ascertain whether or not they approved of his course. The premier asked the house to grant him a bill of indemnity for a very brief period so that he might issue writs for the new elections. He added that even if the opposition party resisted his request the elections would be held all the same.

Francis Kossuth, for the opposition, declared there would be no difficulty in granting the bill of indemnity to a government which respected the law but they could not concede it to the Tisza cabinet.

The premier leaves Budapest this evening for Vienna.

SCALP LACERATTD.

Fred Therien, residing at 616 Merrimack street, while at work plastering this morning was struck on the head with a piece of joist, causing a severe laceration of the scalp. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where his scalp was sewed.

ANY BUSINESS can be improved by advertising it in this column.

Lemkin & Carp

24 Prescott Street

The Store of Satisfaction or Money Back

Useful Christmas Presents

SLEEVE ELASTICS, in fancy boxes.....25c, 50c, 75c
SUSPENDERS, in fancy boxes.....25c to $1.50
NECKWEAR—Four-in-hands, Teeks, Puffs, Bows and Strings, all the newest shades.....25c, 50c, 75c
MUFFLERS, white, black and fancy silks.....50c to $2.00
SWEATERS, button front or roll collar.....48c to $2.50

Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Underwear, Chains, Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons at Reasonable Prices

Think of Us When Out Shopping

John F. Saunders

DEALER IN MEATS AND PROVISIONS

159 Corham Street, Cor. Summer

—TELEPHONE CONNECTION.—

Fresh Killed Fowl, 12 to 16c lb.
Best Sirloin Roast Beef 12c lb.
Best Rib Roast Beef 8 to 10c lb.
Best Roast Pork 9c lb.
Best Smoked Bacon 12c lb.
Best Hams 11c lb.
Best Smoked Shoulders 8c lb.
Fresh Shoulders 9c lb.
Best Round Steak, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Best Rump and Sirloin Steak 15c lb.
Best Corned Beef 5 to 7c lb.

Best Leg of Veal 10c lb.
Best Short Cut Legs Lamb 10c lb.
Best Cape Cod Cranberries 5c qt.
Best Bread Flour 85c bag, $6.75 bbl.
Best Butterine 10 to 15c lb
Best Creamery Butter 5-lb. boxes $1.50
Best Green Mountain Potatoes 18c peck, 70c bushel.
6 lbs. of Large Prunes 25c
20-lb. Pail Compound Lard $1.40.
Fresh Eggs 25c dozen.

CANNED GOODS A SPECIALTY

Best Maine Corn.....3 for 25c
Best Red Salmon.....2 for 25c
Best Peaches.....2 for 25c
Best Peas.....3 for 25c
Best Pears.....3 for 25c
Challenge Milk.....3 for 25c
Good Mince Meat, 7c pkg., 4 pkgs. for 25c
Pink Salmon.....3 cans 25c
Clams.....3 cans 25c

LEGAL STAMPS

SPECIAL ON CORNED BEEF—3 for 1 any kind of Stamps on 6c and 7c Corned Beef.

EIGHT MORE DAYS

—FOR—

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

LET US HELP YOU

Nothing pleases a lady, Miss or Child more than

FINE FURS

$5000 Worth of New Novelties in Furs Opened This Week.

Fox Neck Pieces, all colors, $5 to $35
Fox Muffs to match.....$7.50 to $17.50
Marten Fur Scarfs.....$7.50 to $25
Mink Fur Scarfs.....$15 to $50
Siberian Marten Scarfs..$2.98 to $15.00
Sable Hare Sets.....$5.00 to $12.50
Ostrich Feather Boas....$7.50 to $17.50
Immense Assortment of Muffs.

Useful and Sensible Holiday Gifts

Rain Coats..$7.50, $10.00, $12.50, $17.50
Tailored Suits, $7.50, $12.50, $17.50 to $30.00
Walking Skirts, $1.98, $2.98, $3.98 to $10.98
Dressing Sacques, 98c, $1.39 and $1.98
Bath Robes.....$1.98, $2.98 to $4.98
Children's Garments, $1.98, $2.98 to $10.00
Misses' Jackets...$4.98, $7.50 to $17.50
Ladies' Coats.....$4.98 to $25.00
Fur Lined Coats.....$25 upwards
Ladies' Capes.....$3.98 to $15.00

Misses' and Children's Furs

Children's Ermine Sets, 98c, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.49
Misses' Ermine Sets.....$4.98
Children's Squirrel Sets. $2.98 and $3.75
Misses' Squirrel Sets.....$10.98
Children's Brook Mink Sets.....$3.49
Misses' Brook Mink Sets.....$6.50
Children's Gray Coney Sets.....$1.98
Misses' Grey Coney Sets.....$4.98
Children's Chinchilla Hare Sets..$1.75
Misses' Chinchilla Hare Sets.....$4.98
Children's White Angora Sets....$1.49
Children's White Thibet Sets....$2.98

CHRIS. HOLMES'

Specialty Store

124---126 Merrimack Street

"Bell" Overcoats

The brightest, newest, swellest garments in America. Some with belted military effect, with broad, square shoulders and loose flare skirts, others in more conservative styles, in three quarter length Chesterfields. All the products of well-known manufacturers, and equal in every way to the best work of custom tailors. Look in our show windows, see the goods and prices then come in and try one on, your own judgment will be your guide.

ON THE SQUARE

BELL SHOE AND CLOTHING CO

ON THE SQUARE

31 to 41 Merrimack Street

Open every evening during the week preceding Christmas till 9 o'clock p. m.

All Roads lead to the Bell. Christmas Presents. Warm Winter Clothing. Good Strong Shoes. Ladies' Fashionable Coats and Furs. Men's and Boys' Winter Overcoats

All wise purchasers are wending their way to the great Bargain Sale. Ask your neighbor about us and you will soon join the happy Christmas buyers at our store.

CONDITIONS OF SALE—All goods marked in plain figures, and sold at one price with the distinct understanding that you get your money back if you want it.

Prices and qualities Unparalleled in the History of Lowell

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Good, strong Winter Suits and Overcoats, made from wear resisting fabrics, and guaranteed to be worth $8. All sizes newest styles..... $5.75

Men's and Young Men's Nobby Stylish Suits and Overcoats in kerseys, Meltons and Beavers. The Overcoats are cut in long and medium lengths, and the suits in single and double-breast sacks. Not a suit or overcoat worth less than $12. $8.75

Every high grade Suit and Overcoat sacrificed at this great sale. Carr's Melton and English Vicuna Overcoats in the latest fashionable styles. Dress Suits of imported fabrics. Cannot be equalled for less than $20..... $11.75

RUBBERS RUBBERS

500 pairs of Men's Felts, with heavy rolled edge, duck rubber, worth $2.50..... $1.98

Men's $1.00 Rolled Edge Rubbers 69 Cts

Men's Light Dress, Jersey, 4 buckle Arctics, $3.00 quality..... $1.96

Women's Light Dress, Jersey, 4 buckle $2.50 Arctics. $1.69

Men's Heavy, Red Lined Arctics, worth $1.50..... $1.10

LADIES' FURS,

First Quality Sable Raccoon Cluster Scarf; 6 fine selected tails. A bargain at $10. Our price $4.79

Australian Opossum Cluster Scarf, selected skins, six fox tails. Worth $7.50..... $6.50

Finest quality Alaska Fox Set, double Pellerine and Pillow Muff, value $60.00. Our price..... $40.00

Special Selected Quality Sable Alaska Fox Set, worth $75.00. Our price..... $57.50

Only three—Elegant Black Lynx Sets, cannot be duplicated in Lowell. New York and Boston price $100. Very scarce and exclusive. Our price..... $68.00

Now is the time to select furs for Christmas.

MEN'S TROUSERS

300 pairs of Men's Heavy Wool Pants, sizes 32 to 42 waist, and worth $2.50. To be sold at..... $1.48

Just 160 pairs of Heavy All Wool Black Undressed Worsted Pants. Left over from suits, and worth $3. Will be sold at..... $1.87

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Presents are doubly appreciated when their usefulness brings comfort to the recipient. See the Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, and a hundred other suggestions we offer.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS ETC.

Any of the Soft Front Shirts marked from 75c to $1.50. All in at..... 43 Cts

Just 50 dozen Men's Heavy Police and Fireman's Braces, 35c grade, 17 Cts

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF. Saturday, December 10th, we advertised in all the Lowell papers that anyone not perfectly satisfied with their purchase at this store could have their money back for the asking. We made 1640 separate sales on this date, and not one penny's worth of goods have been returned. How's that for satisfaction? How's that for value giving? Think it over and see if it isn't up to you to take advantage of this great sale

BELL SHOE AND CLOTHING CO.

One Price Reliable Outfitters for the Family

THE LOWELL SUN

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

JOHN H. HARRINGTON, PROPRIETOR.

Member of the Associated Press.

Three Dollars per Year. Twenty-five Cents per Month

☞The Sun receives the full day service of The Associated Press, the greatest news-gathering organization in the world. The entire service received over a leased wire, by our own operator in our own office in The Sun building.

SWORN CIRCULATION OF THE SUN

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1903, was **14,590** A gain of 1083 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1904. JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE-THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

Some of the sluggers still operate around Boston. Is Judge Emmons powerless to stop them?

The chamber of commerce of Boston is not going to give up its crusade for reciprocity with Canada. A delegation of Boston men has already waited upon the president and Senator Fairbanks in relation to the subject. The joint high commission representing the United States and Great Britain may be reconvened to consider this important question.

PUNISH THE AUTOCRAT.

Congress will probably impeach Judge Swayne of Florida for high crimes and misdemeanors. Judge Swayne has been found guilty of certifying to a larger amount of money than that to which he was entitled in order to swindle the United States government and he has abused the authority vested in him by committing for contempt when the alleged offenses did not warrant such commitments. It is right that he should be impeached and punished. Too many judges are permitted to overstep their authority with impunity. They assume the role of autocrats and often without any warrants in law impose sentences for contempt when their conduct is really reprehensible and deserving of public criticism.

POLITICS IN THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

The postmaster general has discharged a couple of letter carriers for pernicious political activity. It is just as well to discourage electioneering in the department, considering the rottenness recently unearthed as a result of politics honeycombing the department. The prohibition should operate against republicans working for their party as well as against democrats working against republicans. The idea is to keep the men in the department aloof from active participation in political contests, reserving of course their right to vote as they please. How about the postmasters who get leave of absence to conduct political campaigns as they are in the habit of doing in this state and elsewhere? Is not activity in politics as reprehensible in postmasters as in their subordinates?

REVELATIONS OF MORMON ABOMINATIONS.

The testimony in the Reed Smoot hearing in Washington brings out sensational developments in regard to the inside workings of Mormonism. Of course nothing good could be expected from a so called religious system that makes polygamy and immorality its corner stone; but it was not supposed that the members of the church had to take such heinous oaths. Smoot, who has passed through all the degrees must have taken all these oaths, including those for which the penalty of violation consists of disembowelment, of having the throat cut from ear to ear, of having his heart torn out with other mutilations even more disgusting. But the oath which imposes the obligation "never to cease importuning heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets upon this nation" is one that should disqualify any apostle or even a Mormon less distinguished from taking a seat in either branch of the national government or in any of the state governments. Such revelations should cause the United States government to exercise more vigor in stamping out the plague of Mormonism.

ENGLAND AND HER COLONIES.

The question of imperial federation is again to the fore in England and the proposition is made to have the colonies contribute to the expense of imperial defense. Premier Balfour in addressing a deputation that waited upon him in regard to the question of imperial defense hinted that the mother country had assumed all the burdens of defending the colonies while they were in their infancy, and now that the colonies are grown to man's estate, it is time they should contribute towards the burdens of imperial defense of which it was plainly stated Canada had not paid a penny.

Therefore, Canada is confronted with the proposition of paying an annual tribute for this purpose to the mother country.

Here are a few of the comments made upon the subject by the London press as showing the imperial view of the matter, although referring to Canada with evident reserve:

"The Westminster Gazette: The contribution of Canada in proportion to population would be £2,500,000 and the contribution of Australia and New Zealand £3,150,000. There is, of course, no prospect that these sums or anything like them will be forthcoming. We ought to be grateful for what we get, remembering that any gift to be of value must be voluntary and unconditional.

"The Pall Mall Gazette: In the colonies there is still much room for a broader knowledge of the principles of imperial defence for the naval protection of the empire. We must also remember that the colonies have a very strong objection to being treated as children and they are claiming all the rights of mature states. Why should South Africa and Australia be expected to give voluntary contributions if Canada go free and why should Canada go free and why should Canada contribute to a defence fund the expenditure of which she has no voice in?

"The Globe: The solution of the imperial defence question can only be found in the solution of that of imperial federation."

Now Canada has no intention of paying any such amount voluntarily or otherwise. She thinks that it is sufficient to furnish troops to aid the empire in case of war; but on the controversy in view of this proposition by the British premier it is suggested sufficient to furnish troops to aid the empire in case of war; but on the controversy in view of this proposition by the British premier it is suggested by Canadian subjects that Canada should undertake certain measures for its own defense so as to relieve the empire of a part of this burden of which Premier Balfour speaks.

One of these would be the maintenance of a military and naval force such as would be sufficient for all practical purposes in time of peace and capable of developing in time of need. But this is just the thing that England does not want as it is contrary to colonial policy to allow the formation of any large military or naval equipment that might in case of rupture be turned upon herself. She would prefer to furnish the fighting force herself and let the colonies pay the bill.

With the memory of the American colonies still fresh she does not care to put too much faith in the loyalty of any of her colonies, as the idea of independence, especially in the case of Canada, is likely to crop out at any time. Most of the people in the United States and many in Canada believe that the inevitable destiny of Canada is to become a part of the United States by annexation. Canada is bound at some time to take it into her head that she could get along better by cutting loose from the mother country and either establishing her independence or falling in with the United States to complete the natural scope of the great North American republic, for her own good and the unification and greater development of the mineral, industrial and other resources of the great North American continent. The time may be far distant of course, as fifty or a hundred years is but mere trifle in the life of a nation, yet Canada is destined to see the day when she will cast off the British yoke and put on the garb of sovereignty to start upon a career of national glory far to outshine anything in her past history—to be a prosperous, free and independent nation.

SEEN AND HEARD

One of the novelties for Christmas is a puzzle bank. It is shaped just like the ordinary safe with the combination lock. The money is dropped in through a slot over the lock. It is impossible to get the coin out unless the secret of how to open the bank is known. The secret is the novelty.

With each bank a powerful little magnet is supplied. Under the box are two small steel rivets which hold the bottom in place. These rivets are held firm by a spring. The magnet when held in the proper place is strong enough to overcome the power of the spring and draw the rivets forward. Then the bottom drops and the money can be taken out.

These magnetic banks are warranted to keep a small boy busy for some time, even after the secret of opening them is known.

For the first time in the history of the county jail a newspaper will be published from that institution, says the Rocky Mountain News. It will be called the Contemnor, and will be edited and issued by the imprisoned election officers now serving terms imposed by the supreme court for contempt.

The scheme was orginated recently, and it met with instant favor. Preliminary arrangements for the publication were set in motion during the day and by last night the project had reached that stage where subscriptions were authorized.

For the present the paper will be issued weekly. Later on it is expected to publish it daily. The managing editor has not yet been decided on definitely, but Frank J. Kratke is mentioned favorably for that post.

He is known as a clever chap, and though he has never written anything for newspapers, his friends say he can wield the pen with the same facility that he talks. It is understood that Kratke will write the salutatory and heavy editorials. The first issue of the Contemnor will appear next week, according to the arrangements so far made. Five thousand copies will be printed. The "copy" for the initial number will be furnished by the prisoners. The printing press will be put in soon.

"It is not a 'josh story' nor is it a 'pipe' about the newspaper scheme. It is straight goods," said the prisoners at the jail. "When the first issue is put on the street it will contain the 'goods'."

In fact report says that it will have some of the "hottest stuff" that has been doled out to the reading public in many a day.

Its advent into the field of journalism will be watched with keen interest and the first number is anticipated with much concern.

Two lads of the same age, similar in appearance, of the same nationality, living in practically the same environment, but having traits of pronounced dissimilarity stood side by side in the central police court yesterday, says the Philadelphia Record, each charged with larceny. They were Abe Seiglbaum and Valesco Marshowitz. Both are 12 years old and are Russian Jews. The story of the Seiglebaum lad's misdeeds takes up a full page in the big record book of the central station. The name of the Marshowitz boy appears only once and opposite it is written "Discharged".

Abe Seigelbaum is declared by the police to be the "worst boy in Philadelphia". He certainly has the most remarkable record of any boy with whom the police have had to deal in many years. Ten times within the past three months he had been arraigned in the Central police court, charged with having robbed women shoppers in the department stores. On all these occasions the youngster has boldly and brazenly denied all charges the police have made, and in the presence of the many spectators in the police court he has cross examined witnesses who testified against him and argued his cases before Magistrate Kochersperger with remarkable cleverness.

The magistrate, however, always held him to appear in the juvenile court. His course yesterday indicat- that he had no hope in argument, for when the magistrate asked him if he had anything to say after Detective Geyer has testified against him, he said, "No, your honor; I have nothing to say at this time; what I have to say, I will say in the juvenile court."

He was arrested on Saturday in a department store on the charge of having stolen a purse from a young woman's cuba. The police say he was caught in the act. When he was arrested a few weeks ago, his mother promised to take him to Newark and keep him there. Since time ago an effort was made to have him deported back to Russia. Magistrate Kochersperger held him in $500 bail to appear in the juvenile court.

In remarkable contrast to this story of the Seiglebaum boy is the story of Valesco Marshowitz. He had been arrested in the store by Detective Geyer on the charge of the attempted theft of a pair of rubber boots. Tears streamed down the boy's cheeks as he explained how he came to be arrested.

The little fellow told how he awoke on Saturday morning, to find the ground covered with snow. The boys who live in the same street were up before him, and their joyous cries as they romped through the snow lured him from bed. Nearly all the youngsters had new, shiny boots. In a few minutes he was out on the street among his happy little neighbors.

The little fellow's feet, protected only by a pair of thin, shabby shoes, were soon cold, but he paid no heed until a red-headed youngster taunted him with having no rubber boots and told him that a kid without rubber boots "was no good." The lad ran home and asked his mother to get him a pair of boots so he could be like the other boys. The little fellow saw the tears in his mother's eyes and he understood.

He had heard the "Kris Kringles" at the big stores, and how they gave things to boys who were good. Straight to one of these stores the boy went. He met a "Kris Kringle" at one of the store entrances. He asked for a pair of boots. "Kris" told him "all right." Not far away was a counter piled with the kind of boots the lad wanted. He took a pair, put them under his arm and started to leave the store. A detective grabbed him and he went to the City Hall into the cell room.

Little by little he told his story, and he was let go, to appear before the magistrate in the morning. The magistrate's heart was touched by the pathetic tale and the lad went home with the promise of a pair of shiny boots being brought to his house before snow comes again.

Rubes from Jay town, Associate hall tonight.

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GENERAL MILES

Will Have Full Rank and Pay

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—It is announced that if Gov. Douglas officially requests the war department to detail Lieut. Gen. Miles as his adjutant general, that that request will be immediately honored by The department, which will have the effect of restoring Gen. Miles to the full pay and allowances of a lieutenant general on the active list.

This statement is made to correct numerous misleading publications which have appeared pretending to represent the president as opposed to the detail of Gen. Miles and seeking to humiliate him for past differences of opinion.

The president had no knowledge that Gov. Douglas wanted to secure Gen. Miles as his adjutant general until a few days ago, when his attention was called to the matter by a publication in a Boston paper.

As soon as he ascertained that the statement correctly represented Gov-elect Douglas' views he wrote to Gen. Oliver, the acting secretary of war, the president's letter bearing the date Dec. 12, instructing him in effect that if Gov. Douglas requested the assignment of Lieut. Gen. Miles as his adjutant general the request should be granted on the most favorable terms to Gen. Miles that the law would allow, which means that under the provisions of the Dick militia law, when a governor requests the detail of an officer on the retired list he becomes entitled to his full pay while employed in a military capacity by the state.

IT'S TO BE ASST. ADJT. GEN. CAPELLE.

Lieut. Col. William C. Capelle, one of the few survivors of the staff of Gov. John A. Andrew, and who has spent nearly 50 years in the military service of the state, is to be appointed assistant adjutant general of the state militia by Gov. Douglas.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Two large and appreciative audiences attended the performances of "Dora Thorne" yesterday afternoon and evening at the Academy of Music. The play is taken from Bertha M. Clay's celebrated novel of the same name. The story of "Dora Thorne" had been carefully followed and the production is excellent. The construction of the play has been careful, the hackneyed style of dramatizing a novel having been eliminated. It is justly entitled to rank as one of the season's successes.

The play deals with a beautiful love story in a rural English home. An innocent young girl, daughter of a lodge keeper of an Englishman of high birth, is loved by the son of the latter. The match meets with the disfavor of the young man's father, but despite the fact that his father informs him either to give up the girl or his home and luxury, he choses Dora Thorne and marries her.

The young girl, a pure and honest creature, loves the young man quite as well as he loves her, but through the efforts of a young sailor who has loved the girl from early childhood and who also desires to make her his wife, the young people are separated and made to believe later that each has been unfaithful to the other. This state of things comes about as a result of the efforts of Lady Chartaris and the father of the earl.

The young sailor returns after a two years' voyage, to find that the young lady's favor has been transferred from him to the young nobleman and several complications arise from this which for a time take on a serious aspect, both for the young lady and her lover. The time arrives when honesty and faithfulness triumph, and the closing scenes find everything favorable for the young folks.

An exceptional cast and effective special scenery have brought the play up to the top notch of success. Miss Cuba Nible who portrays the part of "Dora Thorne" upon her first appearance played herself into favor with the audiences, for her portrayal of the title role is little short of perfection, and her excellent stage work, grace and ease of manner, fine voice and thrilling action in the climaxes bring one's thoughts back to the trials and triumphs of "Dora Thorne" as read.

As Lady Chartaris, Miss Isabel Sherman won merited applause throughout for her excellent acting. Stephen Thorne, portrayed by Mr. George C. Denton, was well done, while all of the other members of the company were equally clever in their respective parts.

"Dora Thorne" will be presented this afternoon and evening, and the same piece will be given two performances tomorrow.

IRON MOULDERS' DANCE.

The 15th annual social and dance under the auspices of the Iron Moulders' union was held last night in Association hall. There was a large attendance and the affair was a grand success both from a social and financial standpoint. Between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock Kittredge's singing orchestra rendered a pleasing concert which was followed by dancing.

The officers of the affair were as follows:

General manager, James Murphy; assistant, John Ward; floor director, Charles Crowley; assistant, Charles Emerson; chief aid, Daniel Moran.

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A low, square seat called an India Stool at 88c and $1.25.

A convenient stand of Shelves as a Paper and Magazine Rack, $2.00, $4.48 and $5.50.

Table Book Racks, useful for a few books to have handy by, 60c, 98c and $1.48.

Paper Racks that hang on the wall, 48c to $2.25.

Pipe Racks—just the thing for the wall of a den, $1.48, $2.00 and $2.25.

Smoking Sets—a table with all the handy things for a smoker on it, $2.25 and $3.50.

Rattan Work Stands of the Wakefield make, $2.25, $3.00, $3.50 and $4.25.

Blacking Boxes, with iron foot supports and ample room inside for brushes and blacking, $1.00, $1.50, $1.88 to $4.50.

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SIGN BIG DOG BESS.

TO GIVE RELIEF

Irish Parliamentary Party Takes Action

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—The meeting of the Irish parliamentary party to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland and consider means to force the government to provide for the immediate necessities of the case and to "put the land act in operation in Connaught and other poor districts" was held here yesterday under the presidency of John Redmond.

A resolution was passed condemning the government for the existing distress in Ireland, demanding that immediate steps be taken to relieve it and also demanding that powers be given for the distribution of land in the poor districts.

The local government board, however, to some degree, forestalled the meeting by taking steps which it is considered will be effective in relieving the tenants who are affected by the failure of the potato crop.

The meeting was held in the Mansion house, and there were present John Dillon, T. C. Harrington, Joseph Devlin and Sir H. G. Esmonde and a majority of the nationalist members of the house of commons. Resolutions were unanimously adopted, the last of which is as follows:

"We feel bound to condemn in the strongest terms the conduct of Irish landlords in aggravating the distress by pressing for full rents and arrears in this disastrous year and issuing ejectment processes by wholesale.

"We believe that the proceedings are the result of a deliberate conspiracy to use distress for the purpose of coercing the people to agree to the purchase of their holdings at ruinous prices."

ARRESTED HERE

BEGGAR WHO LOCKED ARMS WITH COLLEGE PRESIDENT.

The beggar with whom President Hadley of Yale had a hand-to-hand struggle Wednesday, was arrested in this city by Inspector Walsh about one year ago. He gave the name, C. S. Porter, here, as in Cambridge, but the story of the terrific struggle as it appeared in the Boston papers must have been mightily overdrawn. Porter is a cripple and incapable of putting up a fight.

Husking Bee, 25c tonight, Associate hall.

FOR MISS AYER

RECEPTION GIVEN BY MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK AYER.

In their superbly appointed home, 395 Commonwealth avenue, Boston yesterday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ayer, formerly of Lowell gave the second in their series of receptions for their debutante daughter, Miss Beatrice Ayer, and brought together a large number of friends and relatives. The house was trimmed with flowers and plants. Mrs. Ayer was gowned in pink panne velvet and carried Catherine Mennet roses. At her side stood Miss Ayer, a tall fair girl of an artistic personality, in white point d'esprit over silk with trimmings of narrow satin ribbons done in true lover's knots. A pearl necklace completed the toilet and she carried lilies of the valley.

The ushers were Messrs. John Rogers, Bradford Holmes of Lowell, F. W. Bentnick-Smith, S. Gannett Wells, Dr. Alfred S. Taylor and Dr. James C. Ayer of New York, Wheaton Kittredge and Courtney Crocker. At the head of the staircase was stationed the Boston Symphony orchestra. In the palm room refreshments were served by a group of pretty girls in summer gowns. The Misses Marie Barnes, Lucy Swan, Judith Longyear, May Weston, Dorothy Bolles, Margaret Head, Ethel Fay and Alice Bradford presided at the tables. The grandmother of the debutante, Mrs. W. L. Banning of St. Paul, Minn., was present and was gowned in black velvet, carrying a bouquet of violets. The young sister of the debutante, Miss Katherine Ayer, and Miss Katherine Benning of Los Angeles, Cal., together with Miss Rosalind Wood, niece of the debutante and her mother, Mrs. William Wood, busied themselves in presenting the young people to each other. Dancing followed the reception, which lasted from 4 to 7 o'clock.

This is the time to buy flour. Fred H. Rourke, 864 Gorham street.

LOWELL CASES

DISPOSAL OF IN SUPERIOR COURT AT CAMBRIDGE YESTERDAY.

The Lowell cases other than that of George M. Bingham, the story of whose trial appears in another column were as follows:

Fred McMonagle pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and was placed on probation.

James T. Moran pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny from the person and was sentenced to eight months in the house of correction.

At the conclusion of yesterday's session the case of Lewis Mulhinch for receiving stolen property was being heard.

POLICE TOO FAT

HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE FORCE.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 16—There is a sensation in police circles. Members of the fire and police commission held a meeting at which it developed that the police department was inefficient. As a result five of the oldest members must step out to make room for younger men. Some of those to lose their heads have been in the service for over a quarter of a century. It is claimed the officers are too fat and slow, and are not capable of performing the duties required to chase and capture law breakers. There is nothing against the men except age and the fact that they are not lively enough.

THOMAS LAWSON

HIS CASE WITH LOWELL MAN WILL BE HEARD IN MARCH.

The case of James F. Puffer of this city who sued the famous Thomas Lawson of Boston for several hundred dollars said to arise from stock speculations will not be tried until March. Mr. Lawson, it is alleged, insists upon a jury trial.

PUTNAM & SON CO., 166 Central Street

Christmas Buying Is in Full Swing

Our splendid business the past two weeks shows that useful things are to the fore this year for Christmas gifts.

We've made some important price reductions, within a day or two, on fine overcoats and suits—just when you're ready to buy at full prices.

Rogers-Peet's Finest Overcoats lined with silk, that were $40, now marked down to **$30**

Rogers-Peet's Overcoats, two lots that were $30 and $32, regular overcoats and Paddocks are offered as Christmas attractions, for **$25**

Rogers-Peet's Overcoats, several broken lots that sold for $20 and $25—got together and marked **$15**

Handsome Tourist Coats that sold up to $25—what are left go now for **$20**

Tourist Overcoats, smart and handsome patterns, from small lots that were $20, not all sizes of one kind, but all sizes of some kind, now **$15**

New Lots of Tourist Overcoats, fresh, stylish and attractive, opened today, for **$10**

Four Lots of Rogers-Peet's new winter suits, sold for $20 and higher, marked down to fill our lines at **$15**

Young Men's Suits, new double and single breast styles, black Thibets and brown mixtures, marked down as a Christmas bargain, to **$8**

Handsome Umbrellas for Men, Women and Children.

A Sale of 1000 Umbrellas at a Saving of One-Third.

Our umbrella manufacturer turned over to us his entire sample line of umbrella handles, the designs brought out for the holiday trade. They had served his purpose and we bought them at an average of one-third less than regular. These handles we have had mounted on umbrellas made to our order, so that we guarantee every umbrella to be perfect. The handles are strictly new designs in pearl, solid silver capped, silver trimmed, natural wood, imported horn, rolled gold plate, burnt ivory, changeable pearl, buckhorn, silver trimmed ivory and German Silver. Fine cases and tassels on each umbrella and boxed.

HERE ARE THE PRICE DETAILS:

Women's Union Silk Taffeta, value $2.00, for	$1.25
Women's Fine Silk Taffeta, value $3.00, for	$2.00
Women's Fine Taffeta Silk, value $3.50, for	$2.50
Women's Fine Silk Taffeta, value $4.00, for	$3.00
Women's Fine Silk Taffeta, value $6.00, for	$4.00
Men's Fine Carola, Horn and Mounted Handles, value $1.50, for	98c
Men's Fine Carola, Boxwood and Silver Trimmed Handles, value $2.25, for	$1.50
Men's Fine Silk Umbrellas, value $4.00, for	$3.00
Men's Fine Silk Umbrellas, value $6.00, for	$4.00
Children's Carols, Trimmed Handles, value $1.25, for	75c
Children's Fine Carola, Silver Trimmed, value $1.50, for	98c
Children's Silk Taffeta, value $2.00, for	$1.25

Men's House Coats and Bath Wraps

A handsome collection of these desirable and useful garments, cut and made by clothing manufacturers, so that style and fit are assured.

The House Coats are of plain cloths or cloths of solid color with plaid back, the collar and cuffs contrasting with the plain body color of the coat, **$4, $5, $6 and $7.**

Men's Bath Wraps, made full and long as a wrap should be made, in new and effective patterns, **$5 to $15.**

Boys' Bath Wraps, to fit boys 10 years of age to 16. No more useful present for the youngster, $4.

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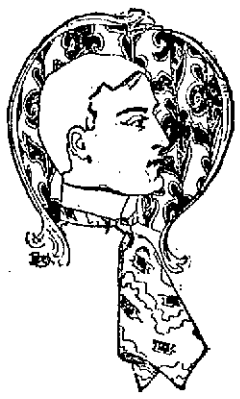
Every pair in a handsome box; all of the newest designs and in dainty colorings. A showing of which we are especially proud and we believe the collection unmatched in New England. These new dainty silk suspenders, **50c pr**

Boys' Suspenders, new and handsome colorings, the prettiest webbing you ever saw in boys' goods, each pair in a pretty box, **25c pr**



Rich Neckwear Rich Neckwear

Two thousand as handsome silk scarfs as were ever shown. Here is a display of beautiful neckwear gathered especially for our great Christmas trade—and bought at a very great reduction on account of our large purchase. Large English Squares, of rich heavy silk, new French Four-in-Hands, 2 3-4 inches wide. The very newest shape—ties that would regularly retail for $1.00 we have secured for our Christmas trade and offer for **50c**

Elegant Neckwear

An entirely new collection of the most expensive silks, in large English squares for afternoon dress and in the very wide French Four-in-Hands. The finest neckwear we have ever shown for Christmas **$1.00**

A Splendid Christmas Present for Every Boy in Lowell

Give Your Boy a Whole Year's Subscription to the American Boy Magazine

The best magazine published in America for boys. It comes every month, nearly 500 pages in the year, handsomely illustrated, filled with just such interesting and instructive articles as boys love. The subscription price is one dollar a year. **It Won't Cost You One Cent.** With every purchase in our Boys' Department amounting to $5.00 or over, we give your boy a card properly filled out entitling him to a whole year's subscription to **The American Boy Magazine.** All he has to do is to present his card in our Boys' Department each month for a year and receive the magazine. Your purchase of $5.00 may consist of as many articles as you wish to buy; clothing, caps, furnishing goods, gloves, everything you care to buy counts in making up the amount.

Here's the Best Collection in Lowell of Everything That Boys Wear and Priced the Cheapest for Good, Durable Things

Belt Back Long Overcoats, for boys 8 years to 16	$3.50 to $8.00	Dress Gloves	75c to $1.25
Suits, for small boys	$1.50 to $6.00	Handkerchiefs, boxed	3 for 10c to 25c
Suits, for large boys	$2.00 to $8.00	Suspenders, boxed	25c
New Winter Caps	25c to 50c	Silk Bows	10c to 23c
New Tams	35c to $1.00	Four-in-Hands	23c
Toques	35c to 50c	Windsor Scarfs	10c to 25c
Sweaters	45c to $1.50	Umbrellas	[illegible]c to $1.25
Underwear	19c to 63c	Sleeve Links	25c to 50c
Wool Gloves	20c to 45c	Scarf Pins	25c to 50c
Wool Mitts	8c to 20c	Bath Wraps	$4.00
Leather Gloves, lined	19c to 45c	Small Boys' Overcoats	$2.00 to $6.00

PUTNAM & SON CO., 166 Central St.

FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF OLD SANTA CLAUS

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BON MARCHE

The Bon Marche

To avoid a misunderstanding customers will please note that only ONE Jungle ticket is given with an individual purchase of 50c or more. If you buy $1 worth or $2 worth it only entitles you to one ticket. Not one ticket for every 50c purchased.

A WORD OF ADVICE

We wish we could so strongly impress upon your mind the advisability of early Xmas buying that you would take heed thereof, and fully realize how much more complete the stocks are now than they will be a week hence. In the matter of delivery, we will hold them for you until you want them. If you can see your way clear to shop early, won't you do so for your own sake as well as ours?

The Bon Marche

New Fresh Nuts 2 Lbs For 25c.

Nickle Nut Cracker free with every package. In the Basement.

Delicious Honey Kisses

20c LB. In the Basement.

Christmas Slippers for Men, Women and Children

At 49c you can buy a good pair for men's wear. 98c secures a pair all leather. Several patterns to choose from. Women's Slippers, fur trimmed, at 49c and 98c; Boys' and Youths' Slippers, a good line at 49c; Misses' and Children's Slippers, upwards from 49c.

Have You Seen the Wonderful Mechanical Bell Made of

Handkerchiefs?

In our window there is displayed a mechanical device in the shape of a huge bell, which upon opening discloses a beautiful lily with smiling doll faces as flowers. It is worth coming a long distance to see. Not only in the windows but spread upon counters and tables are thousands upon thousands of dainty handkerchiefs fit for the use of a queen. 'Tis surprising what a pretty conceit can be secured for 12½c. Dainty squares trimmed with lace or embroidery. Twenty-five cents will buy a better one and so up. In Women's Initial 12½c will buy one all linen; 25c will secure one of finer texture and finish.

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs.....12½c and 25c
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs.....25c and 50c
Men's Silk Mufflers.....50c to $1.00 and upwards
Children's Handkerchiefs.....16c, 19c, 25c Box

Many other styles of which space forbids a mention.

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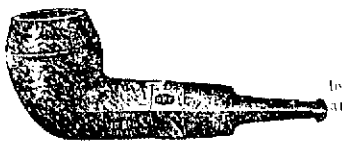
Catholic and French Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Etc.

See our line of Prayer Books at 49c and 98c. We believe you'll say they are the best for the money you've ever seen. Soft flexible bindings, plain printing, and the line of Pearl Rosary Beads in fancy boxes at 50c are sure to cause much favorable comment. You can buy them out of the boxes for 25c. Other styles in beads from 10c to $2.50. Scapulars, 7c to 25c.

Extra Space for Leather Goods.

We found ourselves cramped for room, so we have taken the circular counter opposite elevator and arranged it with popular priced goods. Twenty-five cents, fifty cents, and one dollar grades you'll find in great profusion. Wrist Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Pocketbooks, Purses, Music Rolls, Cigar Cases, etc. One special number to which we direct your attention is an 8-inch Wrist Bag (furnished) with either strap or braided handle, for 50c. The colors are black, brown and tan, in imitation of sea lion, walrus and seal. Also a Music Roll of solid leather at same price. The colors are black and natural. These two numbers are typical of many others which you'll find upon our counters, but lack of room debars them from publicity.



A Handsome Line of **Holiday Pipes** Just Received

In the assortment are Briars and Imitation Meerschaums. We selected the best numbers to be found to sell at the various prices, but at 25c and 50c the lines are especially strong

Other styles up to $3.00.

Gold Plated and Other Kinds of Mirrors.

See "Our Special" Untarnishable Plate at 59c. They are 12 inches high and 8 inches wide, gold plate, worth 75c. Other styles up to $5.00.

Triplicate Mirrors.....25c, 50c and upwards
Chipped Plate Glass Mirrors.....10c, 25c and upwards
Aluminum Mirrors.....4c, 10c and upwards
Wood Back Mirrors.....25c, 49c and upwards
Wood Back Shaving Mirrors.....49c, 98c and upwards

A Wide Range of

Wantable Gift Things in Jewelry.

Neck Chains, long, medium and short lengths, 25c to $5.50
Belt Buckles and Sets, imported and domestic, 25c to $6
Rings (W. L. & Co's), a guarantee with every ring, fancy settings, engraved bands and plain gold, 25c to $2.50
Lorgnette Chains.....25c to $10
Beauty Pins.....10c to $4.50
Belt Brooches.....25c to $5.00
Bead Necklaces.....25c to $4.00
Scarf Pins.....10c to $4.50
Hat Pins.....5c to $3.00
Cuff Links.....25c to $7.00
Fob Chains.....25c to $5.00
Bracelets.....25c to $7.50
Fan Chains.....25c to $4.98

A Superb Showing of Men's, Women's and Children's

Holiday Umbrellas.

Every style of handle conceivable—pearls with combination trimmings of silver and gold. Horns, Dresdens and the natural woods. We have made it a point to give our patrons waterproof coverings and every Umbrella at a dollar or more bears the trademark "Rainproof."

AT 98c YOU'LL FIND 25 STYLES IN WOMEN'S, 15 STYLES IN MEN'S, AND 6 STYLES IN CHILDREN'S to choose from, and if you don't say they are as chic a line of handles as you ever saw for the money, we'll be greatly disappointed.

WE ARE ALSO VERY STRONG IN THE $1.49 AND $1.98 LINES.

Initial engraved free of charge on $1.00 and better grades.

Our Line of Xmas Candy Touches Just the Right Spot.

Ribbon Candy.....10c lb.
Havana Raisins.....10c lb.
Lanterns with Candy, 5c and 10c each
Candy Chestnuts.....20c lb.
Art Rock Candy.....10c lb.
Butter Scotch.....5c and 10c pkg.
Golden Puffs.....20c lb.
Salted Peanuts.....15c lb.
Chocolates.....14c, 20c and 40c
Animal Candy.....2½c each
Assorted Mixtures.....10c and 20c lb.
Sal. Almonds.....10c pkg.
Fruit Candy.....10c lb.
Cocoanut Candy.....10c lb.
Nut Candy.....10c and 20c lb.
Salted Pecans.....10c pkg.

Christmas Suggestions in Men's Furnishings.

Men's Fancy ½ Hose, 12½c to 50c
Men's Fancy Cashmere Hose, 15c to 50c
Men's Night Shirts, 50c to $1.00
Men's Kid Gloves, 50c to $1.75
Men's Fancy Negligee Shirts, 50c and $1.00
Men's Pajamas, $1.00 and $1.50
Fancy Suspenders, in boxes, 25c to $1.50
Men's Wool Gloves, 25c and 50c
Men's Sweaters, $1.00 to $3.00
Neckwear, 25c and 50c
Boys' Wool Gloves and Mittens, 12½c to 50c
Boys' Sweaters, 50c to $1.50

Handsome

Floral Calendars

10 CENTS EACH.

Hand Brushes and Combs

In all the Wantable Styles.

Wood Back Brushes..15c to $2.00
Celluloid Brushes....49c to $2.00
Keep Clean Brushes..39c to $1.50
Baby Brushes.....10c to 50c
Nail Brushes.....10c to 50c
Rubber Dressing Combs 5c to 50c
Celluloid Dressing Combs, 10c to 50c
Horn Dressing Combs..5c to 25c
Baby Dressing Combs..15c to 25c
Combs in Cases.....5c to 25c

1905 Standard Diaries

A splendid showing at 25c, 49c and 69c.

Fancy Embroidered

Silk Table Covers and Mantel Scarfs

A charming assortment in a wide range of wantable colors, deep silk fringe. Prices start at $1.49 and go up by easy stages to $10.

Santa Claus receives children accompanied by their parents or grown ups, in the morning from 10.30 until 11.30.

Continuation of Our

China and Glassware Sale

5 More Cases of Japanese and 6 More Cases of Austrian Ware.

The new arrivals consist of beautiful Salads, Cake Plates and Vases. These in addition to our advertised offerings of last week make an assortment as complete as one could wish for.

The one feature which should impress you is this:

THEY WERE BOUGHT FROM 2-3 TO 1-2 REGULAR PRICES

And are being sold accordingly. In the assortment are Cups and Saucers, Hair Receivers, Trays, Bon Bons, Olives, Pickles, Salads, Celerys, Chocolate Pots, Creamers, Berry Sets, Wine Sets, Water Sets, Tea Sets, etc. Prices range from

10c TO $10.00.

Santa Claus receives children accompanied by their parents or grown ups, in the afternoon from 2.30 until 4 o'clock.

18 Sweet, Juicy Jamaica Oranges

FOR 25c.

In the Basement.

Boys' 25c Fleece Lined

Shirts and Drawers

19c A GARMENT.

Grey, blue and camel's hair color, pearl buttons, size 16 to 20 in shirts, 22 to 30 drawers. A bargain.

Hand Painted

Passe-partout Mottoes

29c EACH

An Attractive Line of Fancy

Perfume Baskets, Boxes, China Jugs and Vases.

Baskets trimmed with ribbons, linings of colored cotton, perfume in fancy bottles. Boxes of perfume, soap and sachet. Jugs and vases daintily trimmed with ribbon. The prices range from 10c to $2.00. Strong numbers at 10c, 25c and 49c.

Have You Seen the "Harvest Moon" One of the Best Subjects in Our

Excellent Collection of Pictures.

Upwards of 200 subjects from which to make selection. This exhibition is on second floor, in Drapery Section. "The Harvest Moon," size 45x25, at $3.98 is one special number which we consider the best value we have ever shown, in fact the whole line bear the ear marks of superiority, but this special picture is more than superior; it is remarkable. If you will take special notice of the size you will agree with us. The frame is made from heavy gilt moulding, handsomely finished, and if it is worth anything it is worth $6.00.

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QUARTERED OAK FRAMES—With a choice of fifteen subjects. The subjects are desirable for dining-rooms, etc. The size is 24x19 and $1.50 would be cheap for them. Our price.....98c

This number you will find on Main Floor and when you see them you will say they are the best you ever saw. The size is 13½x11½. Gilt with fancy corner pieces. Good subjects.....25c

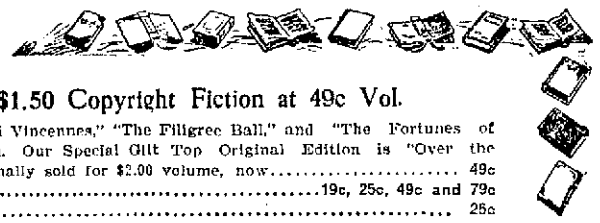
Have You Ever Thought About Portieres for Xmas Gifts?

We are showing a splendid assortment and the prices are most reasonable. You can get a very nice pair for $3.98, but the prices range from.....$1.98 to $15.00

Or Lace, Muslin or Net Curtains, all kinds and styles to choose from, prices range from.....29c to $15.00

Busy as Bees in the

Book Section.



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Three new titles just added: "Alice of Old Vincennes," "The Filigree Ball," and "The Fortunes of Fifi," over 50 choice novels to select from. Our Special Gilt Top Original Edition is "Over the Plum Pudding," by Bangs. This book originally sold for $2.00 volume, now.....49c
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Four of the Best Women's Gloves Made for $1.00 Pair.

Wortheimer's Pique, one or two clasp, self and white points. All the wantable shades.
Reynier's "Lelia," our special dress glove, 2 clasp, plain points, all colors.
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Have You Thought About

Blankets or Comforters.

As Xmas gifts? Could or would anything be more acceptable? You can buy a nice pair of blankets for $5.00, or an excellent Bed Puff for $3.50. Of course we also have grades better and cheaper—for instance:

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Waiting for You to Come.

To assist you in shopping with greater ease and comfort, it would be well for you to bear in mind that all the large wooden and mechanical toys are on the second floor. These include express wagons, writing desks, sleds, doll carriages, rocking chairs, furniture sets, drums, tool chests, rocking horses, mechanical engines, autos, ducks, hens, dogs, cats, men, donkeys and teams, steam engines, magic lanterns, etc. The smaller toys and friction hill climbers are in the basement. Take the elevator when going from one floor to the other. We wish to call your attention to these hill climbers. They do not readily get out of order and can stand a lot of rough usage. They are made in autos, patrol fire engines, locomotives and sell for 49c and 98c. Among the smaller toys you will find ten pins, nodding animals, folding tables, horns, whips, rattles, gordegoord toys and the thousand and one other things dear to the childish heart. The 5c, 10c, 25c and 49c counters are always the centres of activity.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME

By BERNARD ISRAEL

My soul goes back through the ages dim
To the shores of the Past, till it reaches Him,
The Child who unto the world was born
On that faroff, primal Christmas morn;
And I hear in spirit the gates unswing
And the distant chorus of angels sing
That song whose sweet strains echo still
The wonderful carol of "Peace, good will."
I follow the Child through the weary days
Of His pilgrimage. I see Him raise
The poor, the suffering and the weak;
And He is gentle and kind and meek,
Sowing the seeds of love and good
And preaching the gospel of brotherhood.
I follow Him up the stony ways,
Bearing His cross to Calvary;
And I see Him strong in His agony,
As He gives His life for the human race—
Till I feel of all seasons the most sublime
Is the sacred season at Christmas time—
At Christmas time.

There's suffering in the sad old world
Today, my brothers. There's work to do,
A duty open to each of you,
Until the banner of love's unfurled
Above the nations of all the earth,
And the better era is come to birth:
To lift the fallen and teach the right;
To help the needy and spread the light;
To preach, not narrow and outworn creeds,
But higher thinking and nobler deeds;
To help the world in its onward way,
And up the mountains of Progress climb,
Till over the mists of bigotry
And night of selfishness we may see
On the hills of the Future the rays sublime
Of the rising sun of a grander day;
Till we hear the bells of the kingdom chime
O'er all the nations at Christmas time—
At Christmas time.

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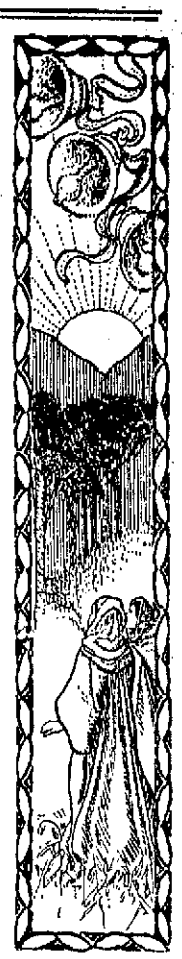


Longest Subway In the World, Which Is Under Chicago

EVER since the opening of her subway and a long time before the occurrence of that epochal event the metropolis has been felicitating herself upon the length of her subterranean roadway as compared with similar excavations elsewhere. Now, it appears, the cause of her jubilation is no longer operative. The city of Chicago has recently electrified the world, including her own citizens, who seem to have been unconscious of the fact, that she is constructing a subway which will be sixty miles in length when completed. Twenty-two and a half miles of it are already finished and will be opened on Jan. 1, 1905.

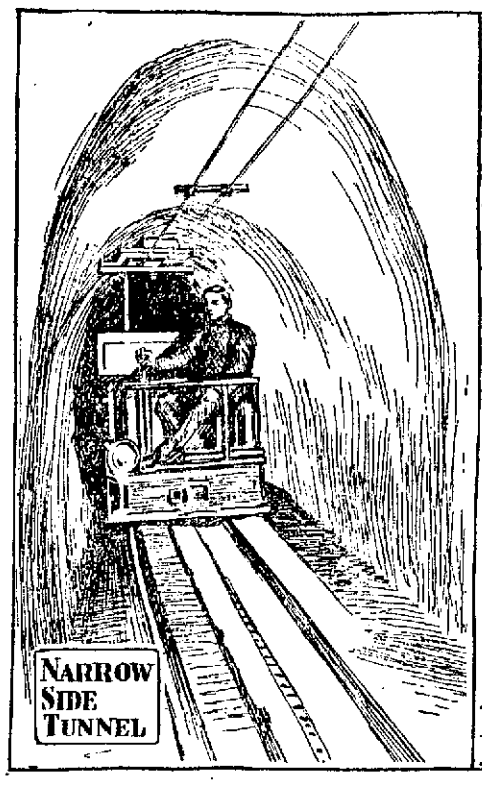
One reason why the construction of the Chicago subway has been under way for several years without exciting the suspicion of the city official force and a majority of the inhabitants is to be found in the fact that the great enterprise does not contemplate the carrying of passengers. On that account also, although the tunnel is about twenty-four feet below the street level, the Chicago public is not distressing itself over the absence of oxygen and the superabundance of carbon dioxide in the tube or lying awake at night devising a proper system of ventilation for it.

The Chicago subway is designed solely for the transportation of freight. It is expected that after the road is opened for business on Jan. 1 at least 50,000 tons of freight will be transported daily. When fully equipped the road will have a supply of 3,000 cars. These small cars will not be provided with electric motors, but will be drawn by 150 electric engines of simple construction. The trains will be operated between the half dozen great freight stations of the thirty-eight trunk and branch railroad lines which enter Chicago.

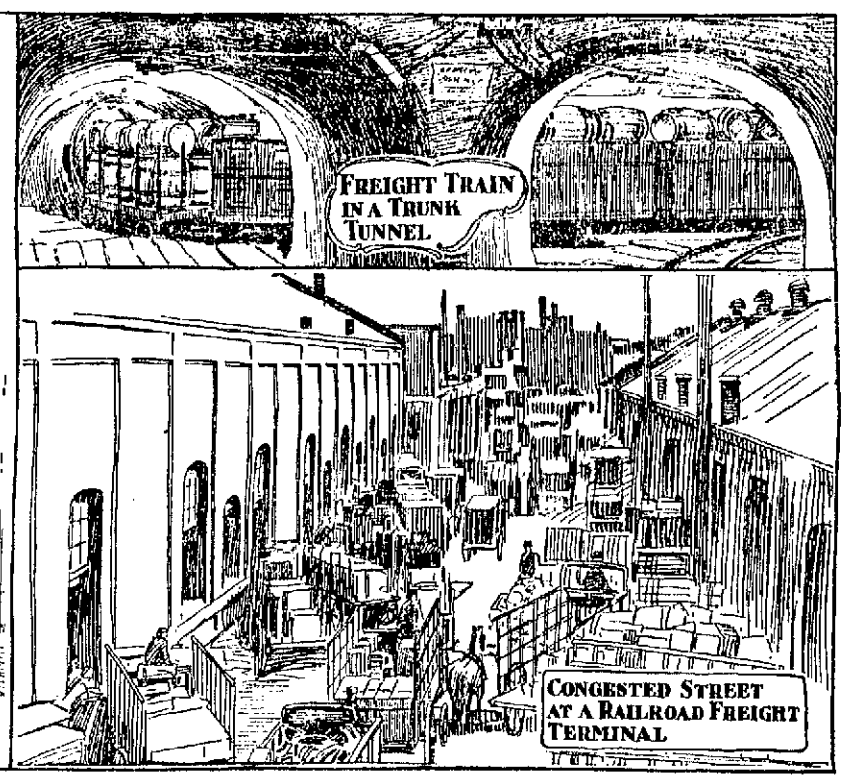
Although it will carry no passengers, the new subway will be a huge comfort to the people of Chicago. All of the freight stations of that city stand within a section less than two miles square. Naturally the streets of that section, which is also the shopping district, are constantly filled with trucks and heavy wagons making their way through them. The subway runs under almost every street in this district. Many of the business houses have connected their buildings with the new way and will hereafter keep the streets in front of them perfectly clear of packages. No coal will be unloaded in the streets, and ashes will be removed from the buildings through the subterranean outlet.

The subway cars are small and numerous. They are a little over ten feet in length and are capable of carrying fifteen tons each. They may be lifted to the side of the terminal freight cars by means of elevators. In connection with the subway there will be conducted a large storage business. Heretofore merchants have frequently found it inexpedient to buy in large quantities, even when the market was most favorable, because storage facilities were limited. Hereafter they will be able to take advantage of the market to any extent they deem prudent, with the certainty of finding abundant storage until such time as the market makes their goods seasonable.

Owing to the small size of the tunnel it was not found possible to use engines heavy enough to pull the cars by means of the gripping process, and it was necessary to originate a new method of taking up the electric current and providing the suitable pulling power. In the center of the track is a rack partially covered. The electric current passes along this conductor. It is taken up through a cog wheel, which it is expected will pull the train along. This method is purely experimental as yet, and it is not improbable that the overhead trolley will be found to be more practicable. It is announced that the trains will travel at the rate of about twenty miles an hour. While the road will have a gauge of only two feet, the cars have been so designed that they will accommodate any article which will pass through the door of a standard gauge freight car.



NARROW SIDE TUNNEL



FREIGHT TRAIN IN A TRUNK TUNNEL

CONGESTED STREET AT A RAILROAD FREIGHT TERMINAL

There are two sizes of tubes in the subway. The trunk lines, which extend beneath the principal streets, are 11 feet 2½ inches in width and 12 feet 6 inches in height. The branch lines, which turn off into the intersecting streets, are 8 feet in width and 7 feet 6 inches in height. They are arched and laid up with cement. At the street intersections there are what are termed four way crossings. The track system connects with a three way switch, which permits the operation of trains east and west as well as north and south. The trains will be run on the loop system.

The origin of the subway was most unique—so different from the ordinary beginning of such enterprises, in fact, that it is worthy of being put on record. The Illinois Telephone and Telegraph company in 1899 secured a franchise to lay its cables in a conduit under the streets. In 1903 the mayor and council of Chicago were surprised to receive an application from the company for an amended franchise giving it the further privilege of transporting the mails, parcels, packages, coal and light freight. The council was astounded to find that the company which had been permitted to bore a cable conduit had excavated a subway. There was a lively awakening, and the company was treated to an exhibition of genuine aldermanic thunder. In time, however, the storm subsided, and the company was permitted to go on with its scheme. It was compelled to agree that the system might be made eventually the nucleus of a municipal subway. Having secured the toleration of the city guardians, the builders pushed the work with great assiduity. The merchants, realizing the immense value of the scheme to them, came forward with much readiness to enter into contract with the company.

According to a conservative estimate, the cost of operating and maintaining the former freight transportation facilities in the heart of Chicago's business district is $50,000,000 each year. It is believed that the new system of handling freight will reduce this sum more than 40 per cent. The chief sufferer by the arrangement will be the members of the Teamsters' union.

Plans for a passenger subway are being actively discussed in Chicago financial and municipal circles. It is announced that it will be ready for use in about thirty months. This contemplated subway will contain ten miles of double track and will cost over $18,000,000. According to the most feasible plan, it will be built above the freight tunnel. It will be a decided improvement upon all subterranean roadways heretofore constructed and will be supplied with several unique conveniences. One of them will be a ten foot walk, by means of which passengers may go underground to any station desired. It will also contain galleries for pneumatic, gas, steam, water and sewer pipes.

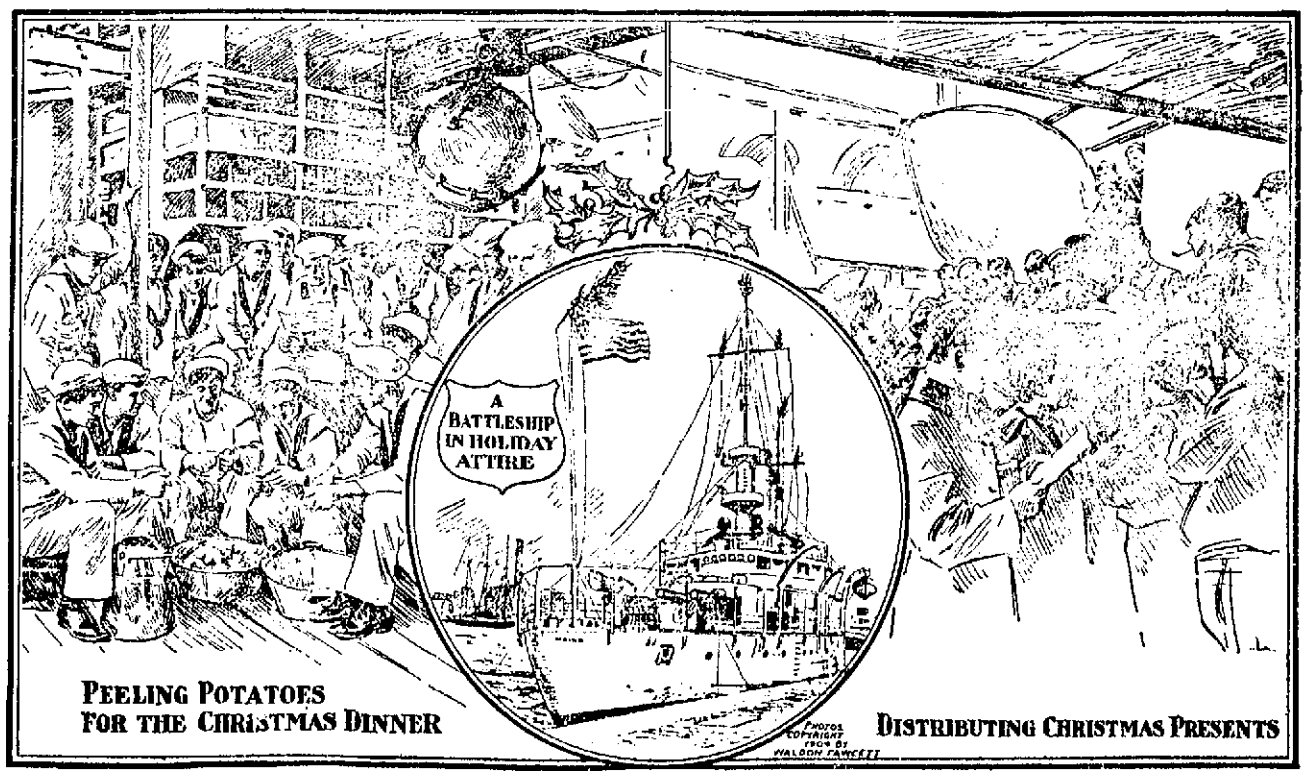
ANDREW J. DOWNS.

How Christmas Comes to Some Young Government Wards

AMONG all the various proteges over whom Uncle Sam exercises a quasi paternal guardianship there is none to whom the holiday season comes more acceptably than to the naval recruit, often a mere lad on the border line between the joyous irresponsibility of boyhood and the more serious life to come. His tender years have chafed under the discipline to which he has been subjected, but he has resisted manfully the inclination to kick over the traces, and now the coming of the Christmas time makes all things roseate. He is a bright young specimen of humanity, this lad who is being taught the business of naval warfare, and not enough has been written of him. He is one of the breezliest and most interesting features of the new American navy.

There has been such a dearth of properly qualified officers and seamen that extraordinary measures have been resorted to in an effort to bridge over the deficiency. In order to increase the output of officers class after class has been graduated ahead of time at the Naval academy, and the capacity of the school has been enlarged greatly. To provide extended sources of supply in the able seaman class there has been an enlargement of the training stations at Newport and at San Francisco, and a new station is to be established on the great lakes at a cost of $250,000. Most important of all, new training squadrons have been organized on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

These new fleets of training ships are made up of thirteen vessels, comprising nearly a fifth of the total tonnage of the navy and manned by one-fourth of the government's entire naval force. Upon these ships it will be possible to educate at one time at least 9,000 men, more than three-fourths of whom can be accommodated on the Atlantic coast. Under this new system enlisted men will be given more thorough instruction than ever before, since the course will be uniform and not dependent upon the whim of each captain of a training ship, as was formerly the case. The projected naval station on the great lakes will mark a new era in American naval instruction. Prior to the Spanish-American war Uncle Sam recruited practically all of the men for his navy from the cities along the seacoast and in the proportion of twenty foreigners to one native born citizen. With the rapid development of the navy and the famine of seamen the department turned its anxious eyes inland, and recruiting officers were soon enrolling in the middle west numbers of bright boys who were eager to serve on the big new battleships. These lads proved to be superior, both physically and intellectually, to most of the recruits obtained on the seaboard, and most of them were American born. Hereafter these desirable interior young fellows will be given an opportunity to become wise concerning sea customs at their very doors, so to speak.



A BATTLESHIP IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

PEELING POTATOES FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Boy recruits in the United States navy are divided into two general classes, apprentices and land men. The former begin their careers before the mast between the ages of fourteen and seventeen. They are usually bound over to the service of the government during minority, their parents or guardians signing articles to that effect. Many landsmen enter the service as minors, but not necessarily so. These landsmen outnumber the apprentices two to one. Until quite recently the schooling given to them was very limited; now they get about half as much as the apprentices. In time it will be arranged so that both classes will receive the same instruction.

Every hour of the day is crowded with duties for the youngster who is being converted into a seaman. At the training school the boy recruit is taught, first of all, to care for his person and for the clothing and bedding which are given to him on entering. His school hours proper are given up to making and furling sails, the minor duties of seamanship and drill. The recruit looks forward impatiently to the close of his six months' probation on land and his assignment to a training ship. Once on board ship, the lad is put through regular courses of seamanship and gunnery. He learns all about the parts of a boat, lighthouses, buoys, running lights, fog signals, etc., and is taught the rules of the road, how to box the compass, how to operate anchors and all the other items that make up the equipment of an able seaman.

At first the apprentice is paid $9 a month. As he progresses his pay is increased, first to $12 and finally to $21. This sum is over and above all his actual living expenses, which are attended to by the government. If he is at all thrifty the apprentice can accumulate during the years of his minority a sum of money sufficient to set himself up in business. If he is so inclined, he may save the entire sum paid to him by the naval paymaster, for all of his wants are supplied, and liberally at that. Whatever may have been the custom in the olden time, it is now the policy of the department to provide rather generously for its proteges. Sufficient and good clothing is furnished and abundant and wholesome food. The cook's galley on one of these modern floating academies is not the forbidding spot of the old nautical romances. With its well scrubbed floor and tables and its rows of shining copper and tin utensils, it is by no means an unattractive place to the young bluejackets, especially in the holiday season, when discipline is somewhat relaxed and the lads are permitted to offer their services to the cook. If that functionary is an amiable person, he meets these overtures in a friendly spirit and permits the fun loving youngsters to peel the potatoes for the Christmas dinner, pare the apples for the holiday pies and stone the raisins for the Yuletide "duff." If the initial supply of both of these toothsome dainties falls considerably short in consequence of this pacific invasion of the galley, what does it matter? There is plenty of everything in the stores, and Christmas comes but once a year.

Christmastide on board a training ship is on no account a joyless season, especially if it be spent in port. Although there are duties to be performed, discipline is relaxed sufficiently to save them from becoming burdensome. The social interchanges and seasonable frolics known to landsmen lose none of their attractiveness on board ship. Then there is always the excitement of opening the packages from home. One of the most keenly relished preparations incident to the festive occasion is the decoration of the ship. In this cheerful service the lads take much pride and frequently show commendable originality. The new Maine, for example, on Christmas morning will show at every outlook an evergreen reminder of the country of the pointed fire.

ANSEL J. FAIRCHILD.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

From Merrimack St.

5.48, 6.23, 6.45, 7.40, 8.50, 9.22, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, 5.44 p. m.

Sundays, 8 45 a. m.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
6.18	6.50	6.00	7.04
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1.55	2.35	5.38	*6.25
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5.49	7.00	8.30	9.04
6.13	6.55	10.30	11.34
7.29	8.10	11.20	12.21

WESTERN DIV.

From Middlesex St.

To Boston.		From Boston.	
Lve.	Arr.	Lve.	Arr.
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8.00	8.54	9.26	10.31
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* Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SUNDAY TRAINS

WESTERN DIVISION

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8.03	9.00		

SOUTHERN DIVISION

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WORE NO CLOTHES

Man Held Six Officers at Bay

HE SMASHED A PLATE GLASS WINDOW

Hospital People Say He is Insane

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Perched on the top of a snow heap at Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street, a completely nude man armed with a crowbar, kept half a dozen policemen and a crowd of men at bay for half an hour early today after he had smashed nearly a score of big plate glass windows valued at $200 each. The man was finally captured and taken to a hospital. He made no attempt to explain his strange conduct and the hospital attendants said he was undoubtedly insane.

The first intimation that anything was wrong reached the police through a private watchman, who reported that several valuable windows had been broken and that the perpetrator probably was in hiding in the vicinity. The first policeman sent in answer to the summons arrived just in time to hear another crash, but when he ran around to the place from which the sound came, there was only a shattered window to be seen. A moment later, however, there came a series of crashes and the policemen saw a man without a shred of clothing running down Twenty-third street and swinging a crowbar through every plate glass window he passed. By this time several more policemen and a hundred men and boys had joined in the chase and the crazy man was rapidly being overtaken. Suddenly, however, he turned upon his pursuers, and swung the heavy crowbar, keeping them at a safe distance until a cab driver threw a horse blanket over him. In a moment half a dozen policemen had subdued him and he was taken to a hospital. His clothing, but nothing to indicate his identity, was found in a door-way nearby. The man is about 25 years old and apparently a laborer.

JOLLIFICATION NIGHT

BY HIGHLAND COUNCIL R. A. A GREAT SUCCESS.

A jollification night was held by Highland Council, Royal Arcanum last night at Highland hall. The event proved to be one of the most successful ever conducted by this popular organization since its inception. The attendance was very large during the evening, both halls being taxed to their utmost capacity.

During the early part of the evening a varied vocal and instrumental program was carried out in the upper hall the numbers being as follows:

Overture—Comique,
Crown Orchestra.
Soprano Solo—The Carnival.
Mrs. C. A. Whittet.
Reading—
Miss Ethel Page.
Contralto Solo—Shena van.
Miss Ida I. Wilson.
Piano Duet—Caliph of Bagdad,
Miss Lillian Stevens, Miss Ida I. Wilson.
Male Quartette—
Highland Quartette.
Ocarina Solo—
Prof. C. M. Cushman.
Vocal Duet—Life's Merry Morning,
Mrs. Whittet, Miss Stephens.
Reading—
Miss Ethel Page.
Soprano Solo—Spring Song.
Mrs. C. A. Whittet.
Piano Duet—Witches Flight.
Miss Stevens, Miss Wilson.
Contralto Solo—An Evening Love Song.
Miss Ida I. Wilson.
Vocal Duet—
Mrs. C. A. Whittet, Miss LeFavor.
Reading—
Miss Ethel Page.
Quartette—The Gypsies.
Piano Trio—Sun Lang,
Miss Stevens, Miss Wilson, Mr. Hartley.

At the conclusion of the concert program the younger people present adjourned to the lower hall where dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

There were twenty numbers on the order and the Crown orchestra furnished music. The officers of the successful affair were: General manager, Charles H. Hartley; assistant general manager, Nelson Ingalls; floor director, O. B. Estabrook; assistant floor director, Wm. Zimmer; aids George L. Fowler Jr., E. G. Crockett, J. H. Douglass, D. O. Christian, F. E. Jones.

LICENSE RESTORED

BOARD OF HEALTH RENEWS UNDERTAKER ELA'S LICENSE.

At the regular meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon the undertaker's license of Horace Ela, which was revoked a few weeks ago, was renewed by a vote of the board, the renewal to take effect on Thursday, the 22nd.

The board amended the rules for governing the quarantine of persons infected with a contagious disease, by inserting the following clause:

"And no person sick with any contagious disease (small-pox, varioloid, diphtheria, membraneous croup, scarlet fever, measles, cerebro spinal meningitis) shall be allowed to leave the house until the placard has been removed."

Agent Horace Knapp of the health department reported that $400 had been received during the past week from the state for small-pox expenses.

The Bertillion system of classifying diseases was adopted by the board for 1905 after a brief discussion.

Agent Knapp reported that since the previous meeting all but four of the 39 journeymen plumbers who had been delinquent in renewing their licenses had attended to that duty and on motion of Commissioner Doherty the time limit was extended, giving the remaining four one more week in which to pay.

All members were present at the meeting and Dr. William B. Jackson presided.

FAMILY SCANDAL

CASTELLANE'S SECRETARY TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The circumstances attending the death of Deputy Gabriel Syveton, who was found dead from asphyxiation in his apartments at Neuilly Dec. 8, are developing into a domestic drama of startling magnitude.

The wife of M. Syveton was about to apply for a divorce, on the grounds of improper relations between her husband and Mme. Menard, a daughter of Mme. Syveton by a former husband. Both M. Menard and Mme. Syveton had accused the deputy of these relations, and a family council took place shortly before M. Syveton's death, at which violent scenes were enacted, M. Menard declaring that it was the duty of the deputy to put a bullet through his head, and Mme. Syveton announcing her purpose to sue for a divorce.

This was on the eve of Syveton's trial for assaulting War Minister Andre in the chamber of deputies. The deputy foresaw the public disclosure of his relations with his wife's daughter, and thereupon committed suicide for the purpose of averting the disclosure.

The foregoing is interwoven with many scandalous details. The case has taken on a political aspect, the nationalists asserting that there were threats of disclosure which amounted to a conspiracy on the part of the government's supporters to compel the deputy to take his own life. This charge does not appear to be supported, as the tragedy was clearly the result of a scandalous domestic drama.

In the course of the investigation it developed that M. Syveton had been receiving a salary of $5000 as secretary for Count Boni de Castellane.

PLUGGER KEEGAN

Tells of the Six Days' Grind

"Plugger Pat" Keegan, the well known local rider, who, together with Patrick F. Logan, of Boston, finished fourth in the six day race at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night, is home in this city again. He and his partner had a week's engagement at a theatre in Boston but owing to an alleged breach of contract on the part of the management the riders decided that they would quit. Keegan despite the fact that his facial appearence is not what it was when he left here several weeks ago, and while his body is pretty well barked up and burned from the use of different applications, is the picture of health and is feeling excellent. His condition both physically and financially is much better than before he entered the race.

In conversation with a Sun reporter this morning Keegan said that the race last week was the hardest he ever tackled. It was owing to the fact that the riders were stronger this year than during the two previous years in which he rode.

Keegan during his conversation said: "It was a great race and I had to work hard. In fact I rode harder this year than any previous year and my only regret was that I got the several tosses which I did and the illness which kept me from being in the final sprint for first place. It was Logan's first big race. He rode in the amateur races on Saturday night and did such fine work that the big riders knew they would have to work to beat us. His first professional race was the big race when he started five minutes after midnight Monday morning. I got considerable credit through the newspapers for my fine work while Logan did not get so much, but Logan was entitled to just as much as I got for he had a hard road to travel, and next year he will have learned many new points which will be to his advantage.

"Talk about hard luck during the race. Well, I got it right from the start. I was out to avoid all accidents, but it is impossible to avoid running into people when they fall directly in front of you. That is what happened to me the first morning I was in the race. I would have got out of the toss all right if it had not been for the fact that Sullin's partner ran over me while I was on the track, his pedal cutting my head open and fracturing the nasal bone. I lost nearly a quart of blood from the cut over my eye before the stitches were taken in it and I was very weak when I got back on the track again.

"That dish of ice cream I ate was the thing which nearly settled me. We all ate ice cream for it was very cooling and refreshing, but Harry Caldwell and I must have got the cream from the bottom of the can and it caused ptomaine poisoning. Talk about suffering from the effects of that ice cream! I would not want to go through it again for any amount of money. It took five men to hold me, for I was like a mad man with the pains in my stomach, which were intense. It felt as though some person was trying to cut me open. The doctors blistered me and applied all kinds of medicines and drugs. I took enough of morphine to kill an ordinary man. For four hours I went through the sufferings of a life time. Logan was riding all the time and he did not know whether I would be able to assist him or not. The doctors did not want me to go back on the track, but I wanted to win that race. When I took Logan's place he was nearly exhausted, though we lost a lap just as I was relieving him, owing to the fact that while riding down the back I was run into and dumped. The papers blamed Logan for losing the lap, but he didn't it was an accident and no one was to blame.

"Through hard work we gained a lap Saturday and thought we might be able to gain another one, but on the last day the teams rode like fiends and we had to be content with fourth place.

"I intend to ride in the six day race until I win one, and then in all probability I will want to ride all the more."

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